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LIVING IN A WORLD
WHERE MUTANTS ARE
HATED AND FEARED MORE
THAN EVER, ONE GROUP
OF YOUNG HEROES HAS
BANDED TOGETHER TO
FIGHT BACK.

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PREVIOUSLY:

The war against the humans is over. But the war between the mutants is just beginning...

The mutants of the newly founded mutant nation, Utopia, defended themselves victoriously against the Army's unwarranted attack.

At the end of the battle, Kitty and Jean Grey came to a stand-off where the leader of Utopia dismissed the leader of Tian--the mutant paradise that floats among the clouds. With her mental powers blocked by the Sentient Seed, Jean reluctantly complied, but not before she sent her servant Farbird back to Tian to begin preparations for "Project Supersonic."

Will the second Mutant Nation, in its infancy, be able to escape the violence that has plagued mutants for so long or will the next seed of terror come from within?

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You won.

We all won.



No, what I mean is, your *ideas* won. Your vision for the future of mutants.

Congratulations.

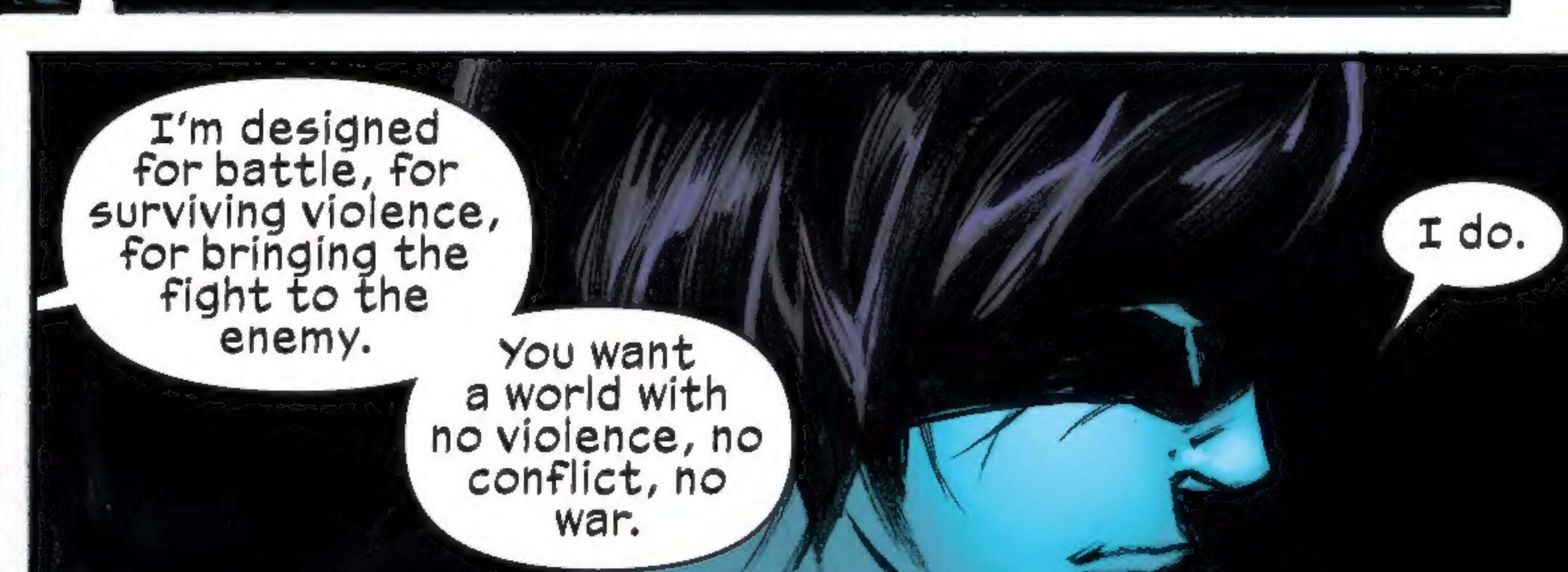
Why are you angry?



I'm not angry. I'm resigned.

You don't need me anymore.

JAMES HUDSON.



I'm designed for battle, for surviving violence, for bringing the fight to the enemy.

You want a world with no violence, no conflict, no war.

I do.



And you'll do whatever it takes to get there.

I will.

"I wish you the best of luck, truly."

"But being at your side is feeling more and more like standing in your shadow."



KITTY PRYDE.

UTOPIA VILLAGE.

Utopia is secure.

Following the attempts at nationalization, the deal ex-President Captain America struck with mutant leader Kitty Pryde was deemed legal and binding in a Supreme Court emergency session.

All rights, both human and those pertaining to property and intellect, have been returned to the mutants.

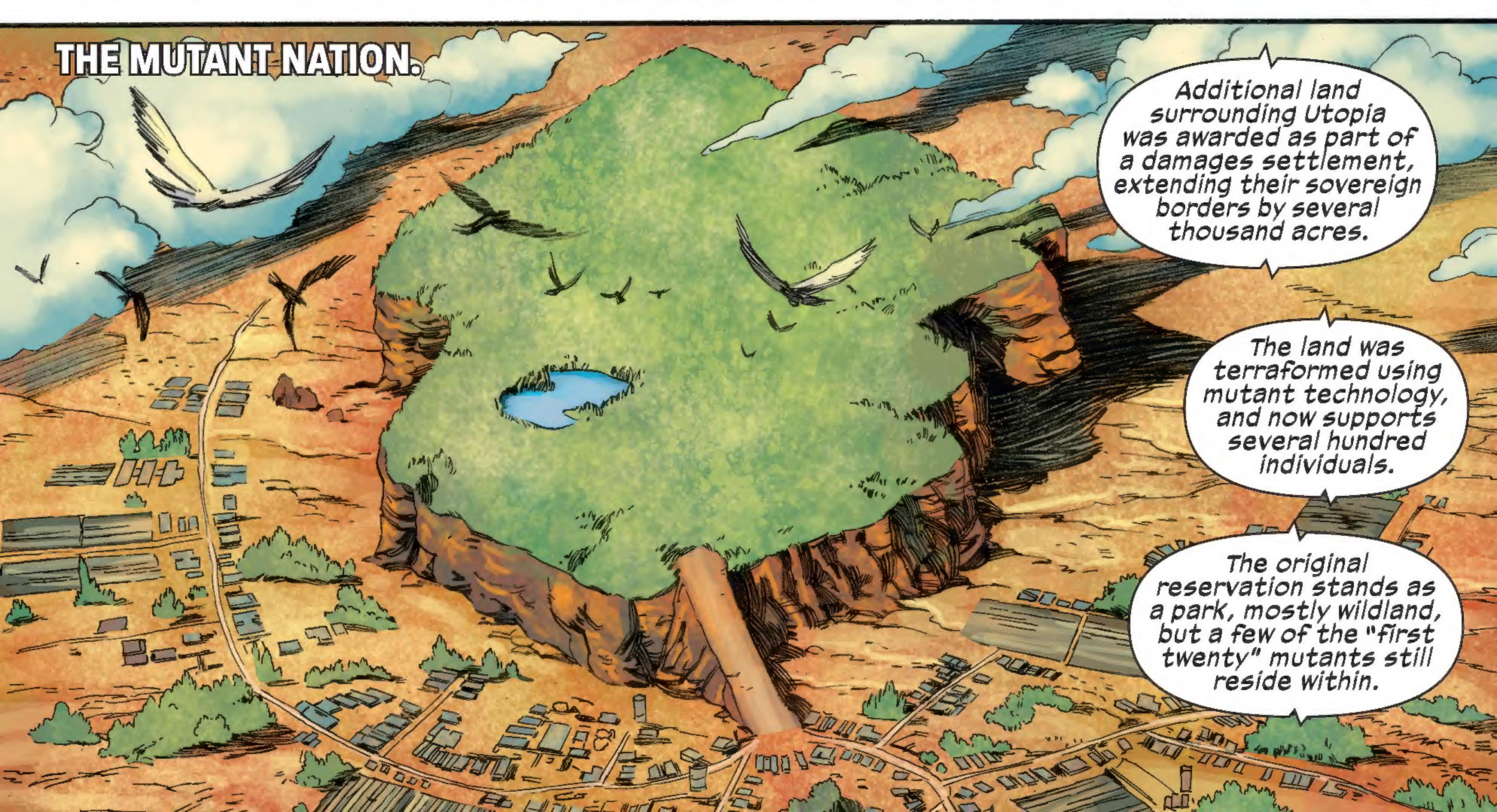


THE MUTANT NATION.

Additional land surrounding Utopia was awarded as part of a damages settlement, extending their sovereign borders by several thousand acres.

The land was terraformed using mutant technology, and now supports several hundred individuals.

The original reservation stands as a park, mostly wildland, but a few of the "first twenty" mutants still reside within.



Sam!

**SAM SMITHERS,
aka BLACKHEATH.**

Over here.

You helped *create* the sentient seed, and she has you down in the dirt working with your hands?

She keeps us honest.

We help build all this with our own two hands, Storm. There's that much more pride of ownership and connection to the land.

You're filthy.

It happens sometimes, when you live life here on the ground as a mere mortal.

Hey, I'm an average girl!

Oh, you are anything but.

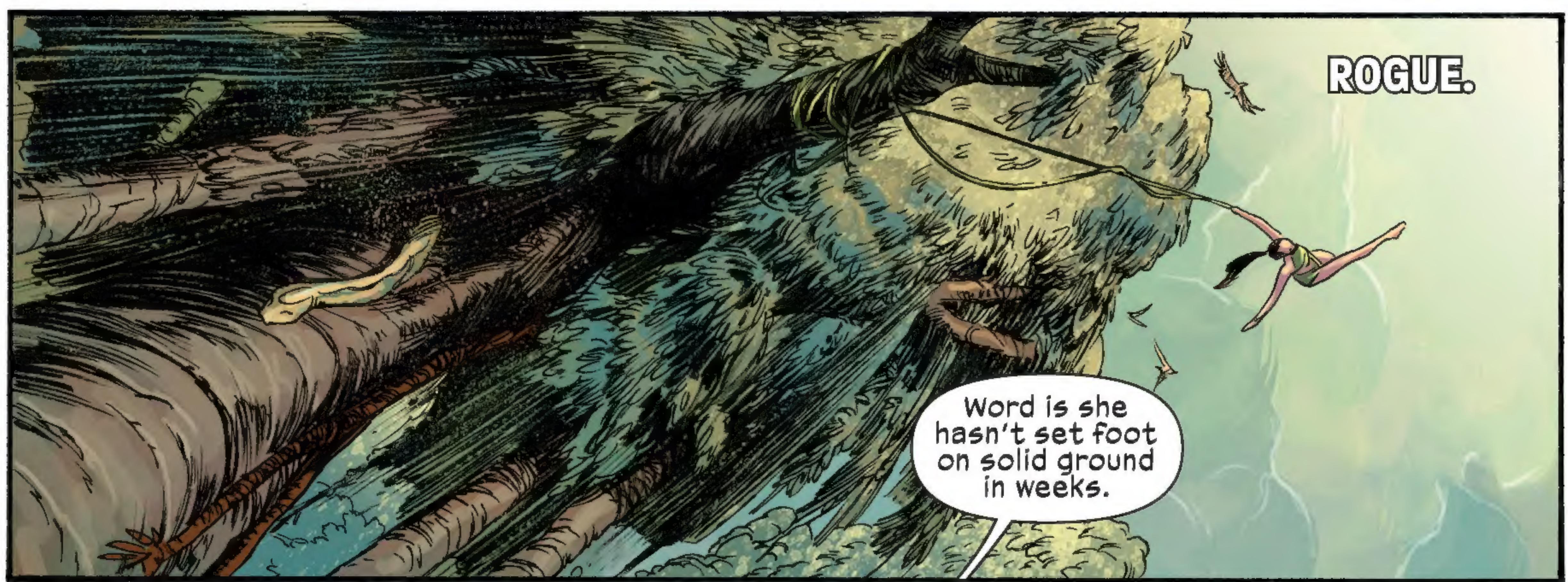
Good for you, Ororo...

...You survived.

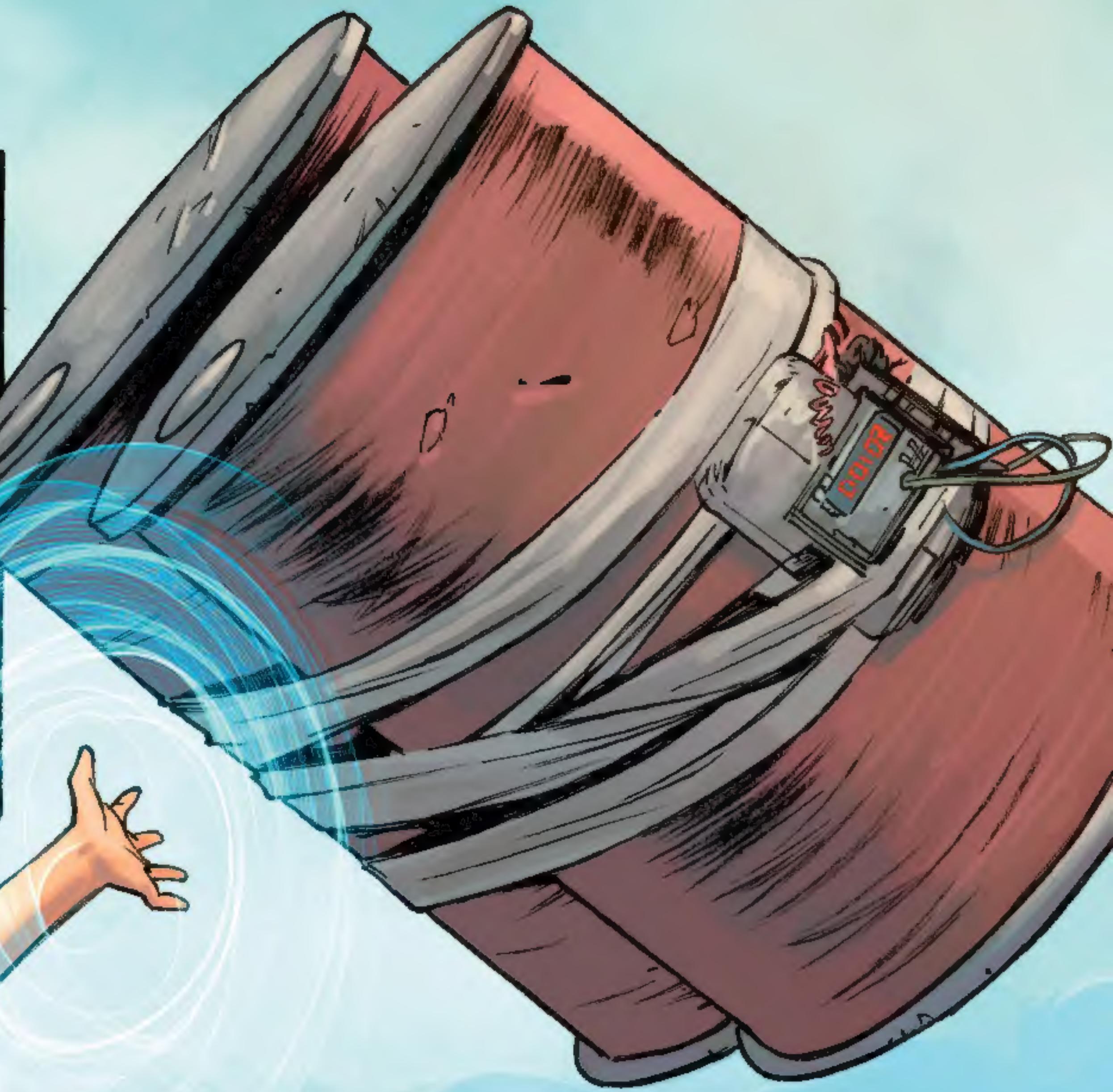
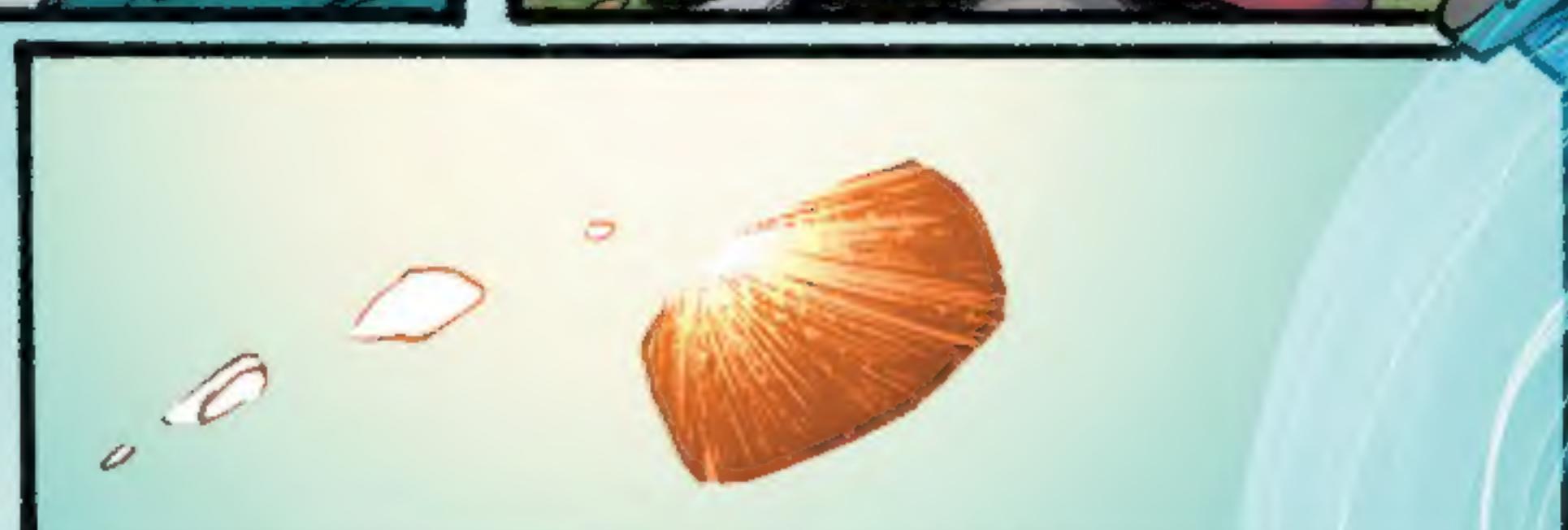
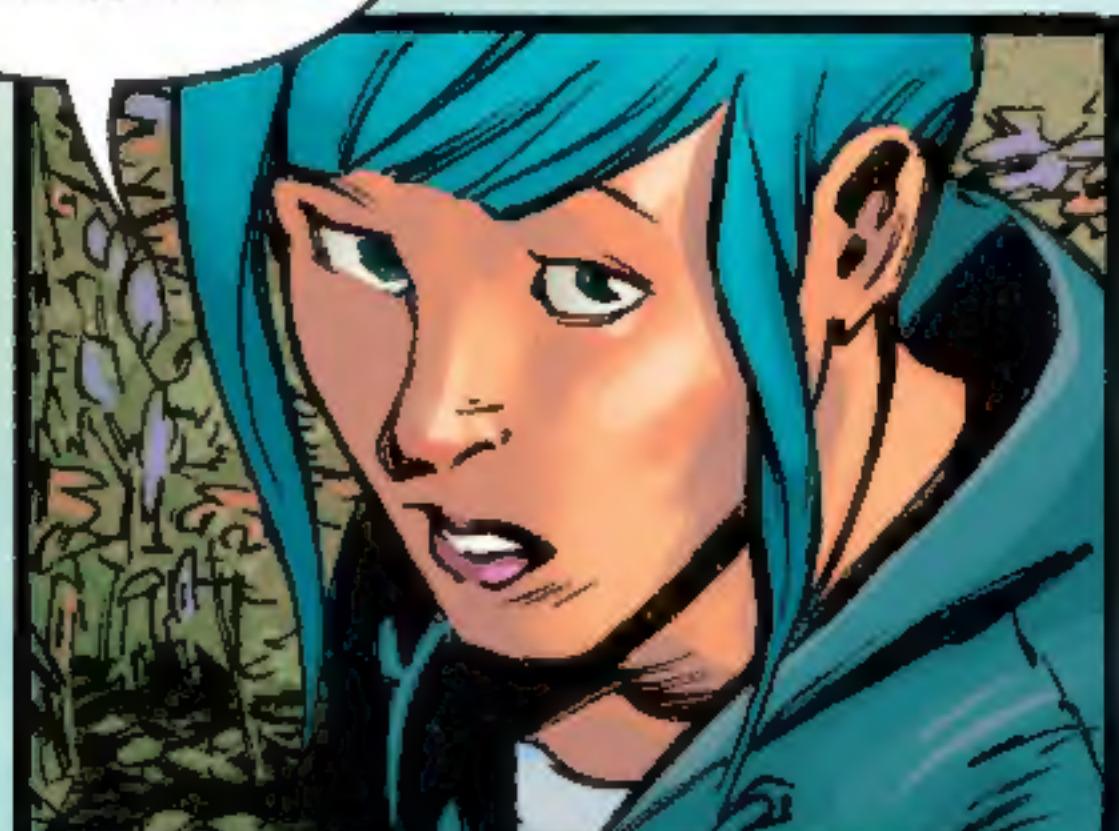
**PIOTR RASPUTIN,
aka COLOSSUS.**

The mutants, generating a huge surplus of both fresh water and arable land, have assisted humans living nearby, those suffering from recent droughts and the economic downturn.

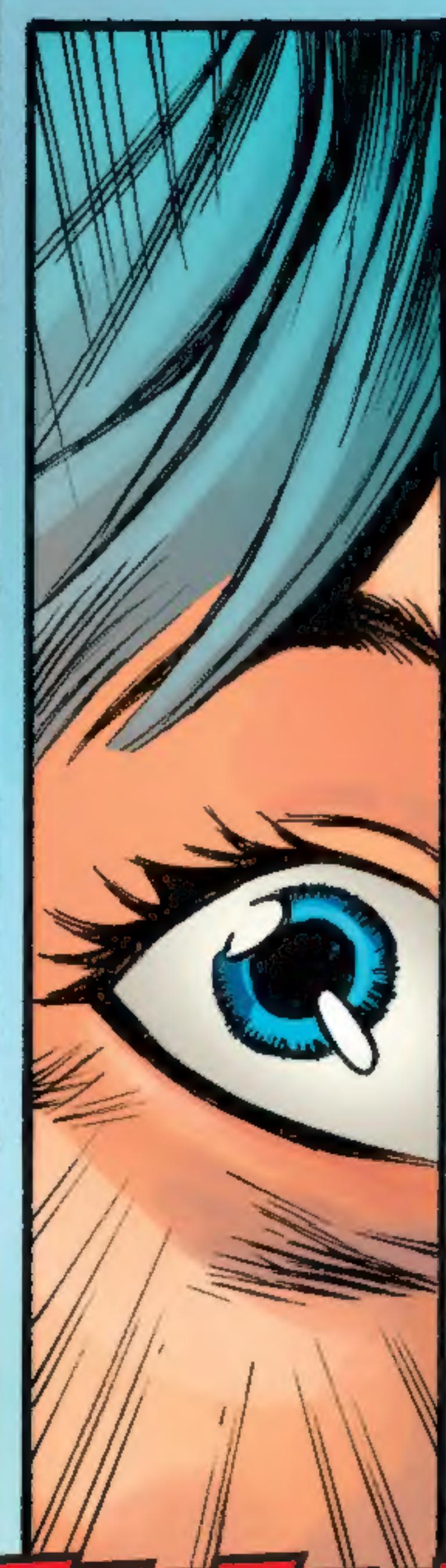




And
if not the
humans...



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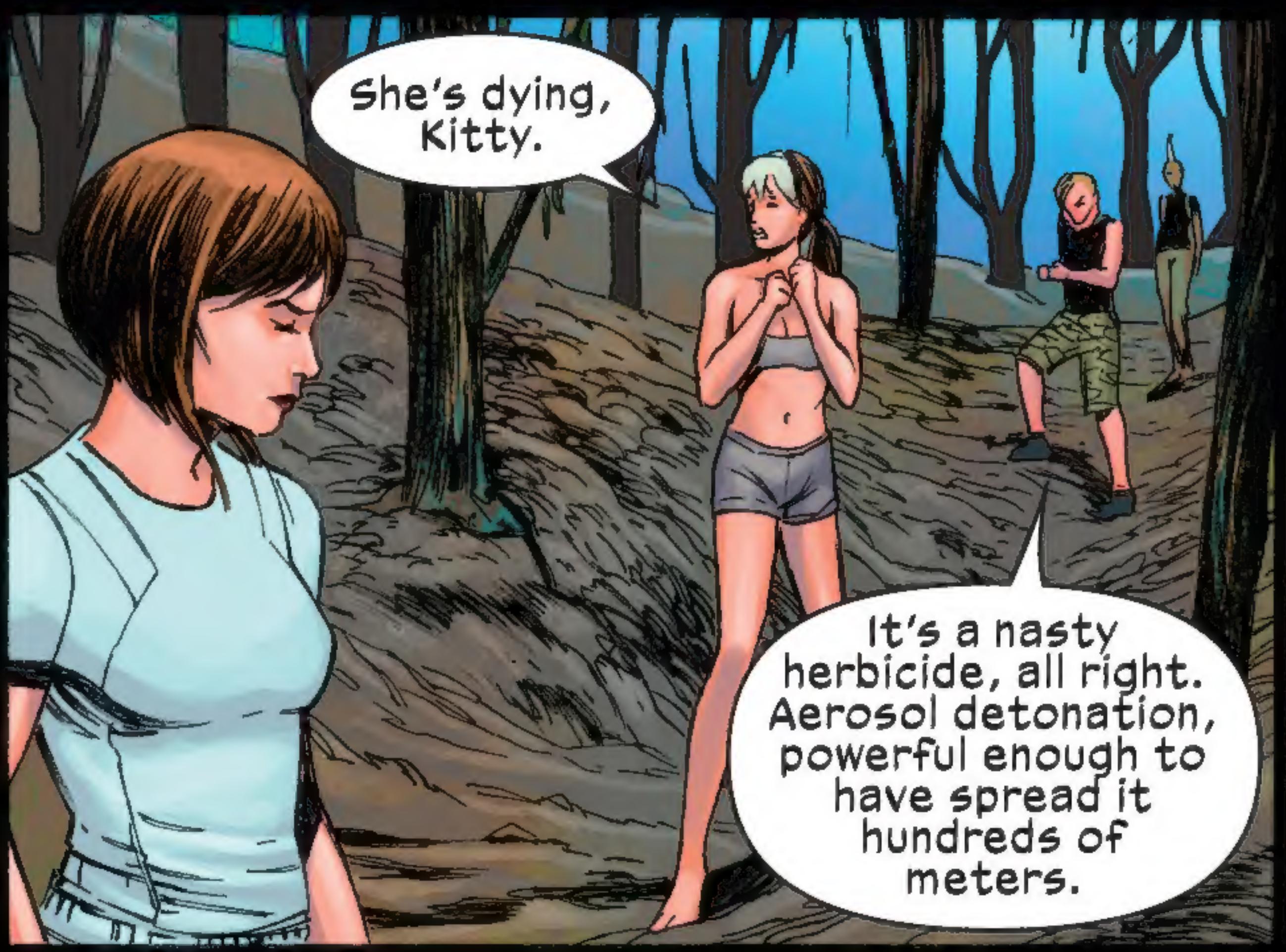
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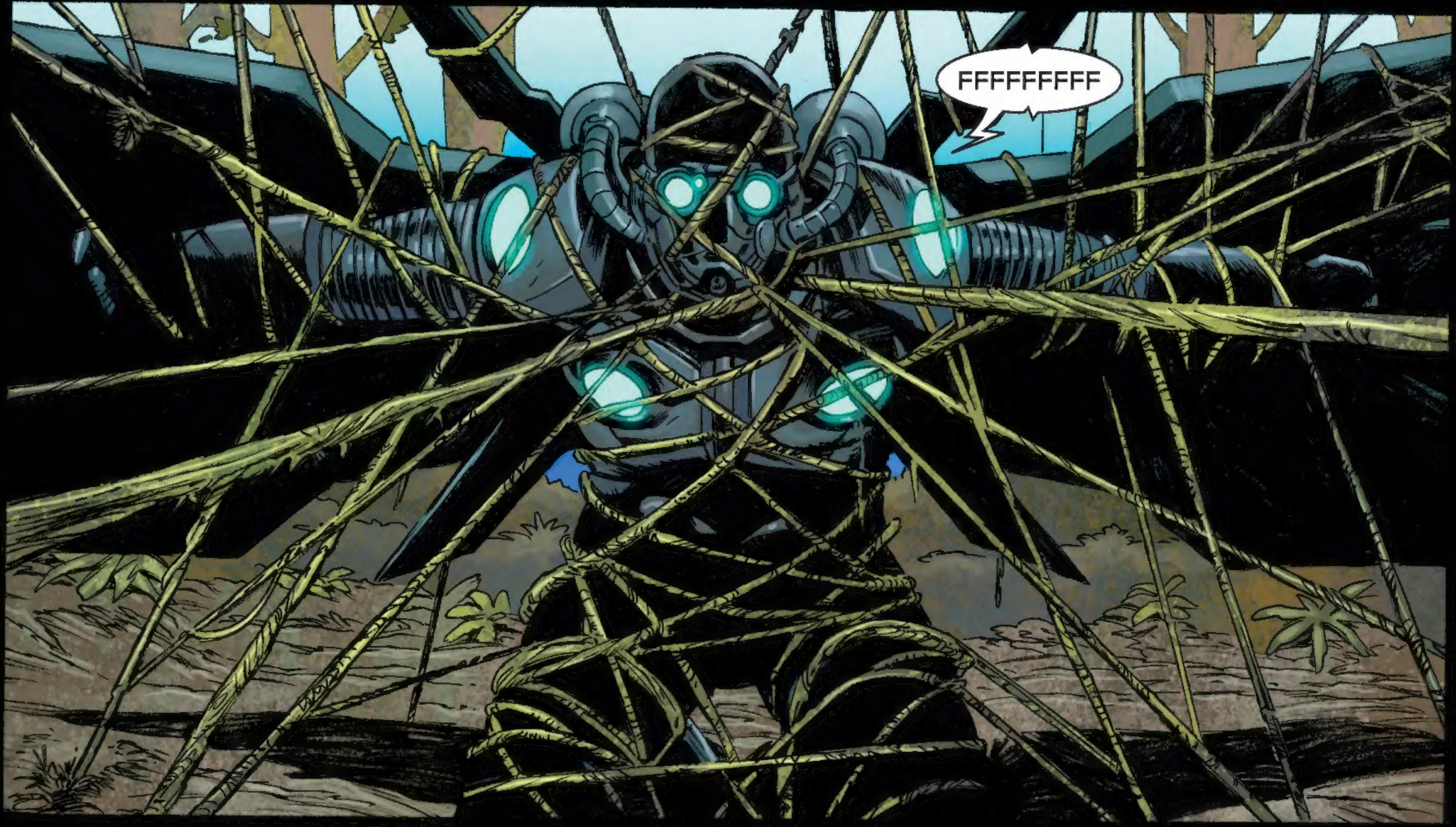


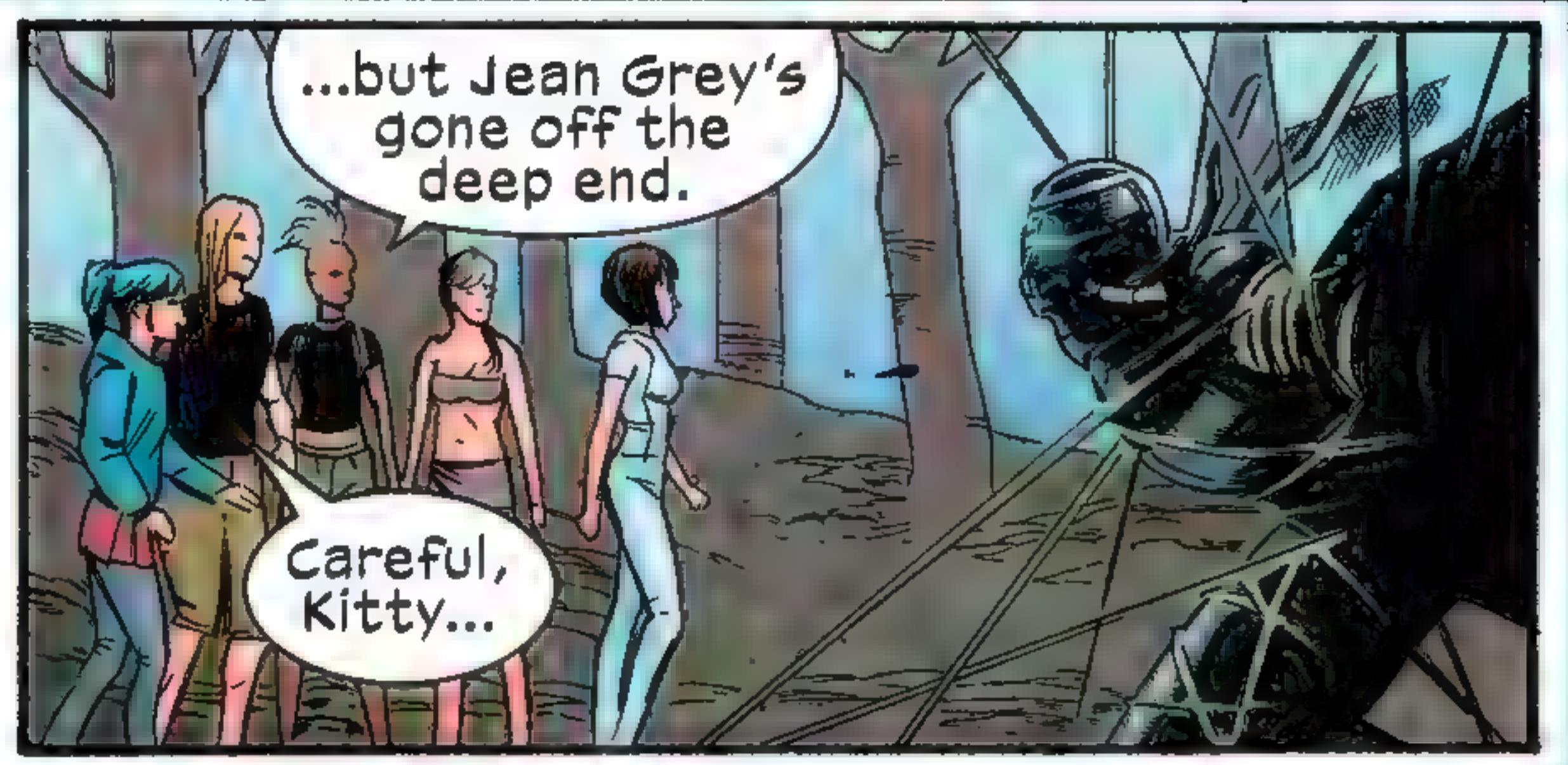
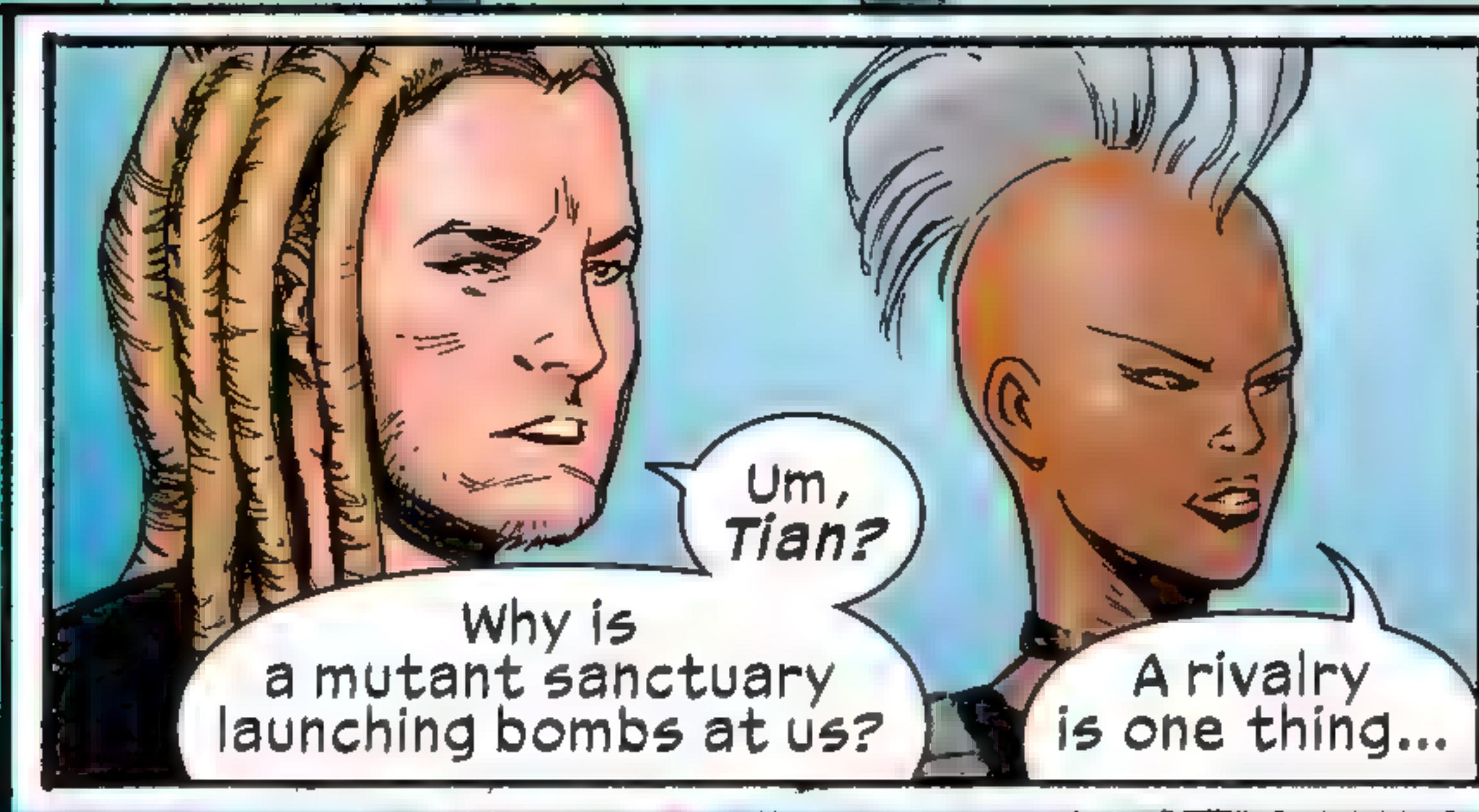
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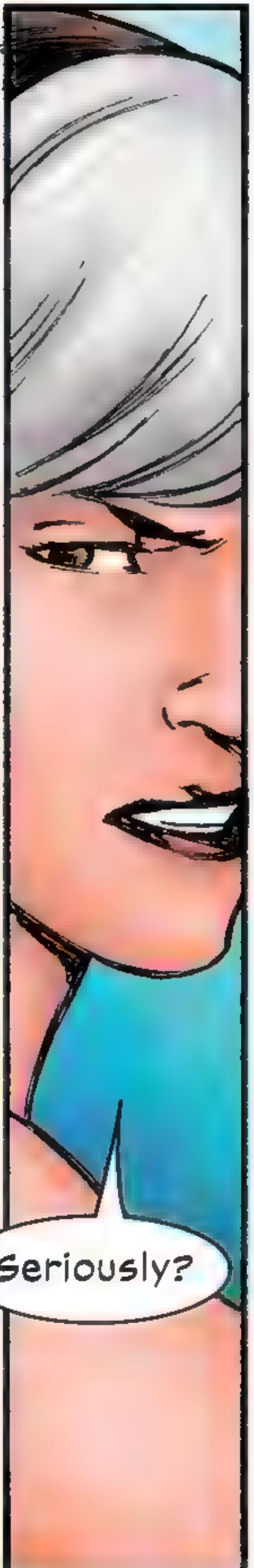
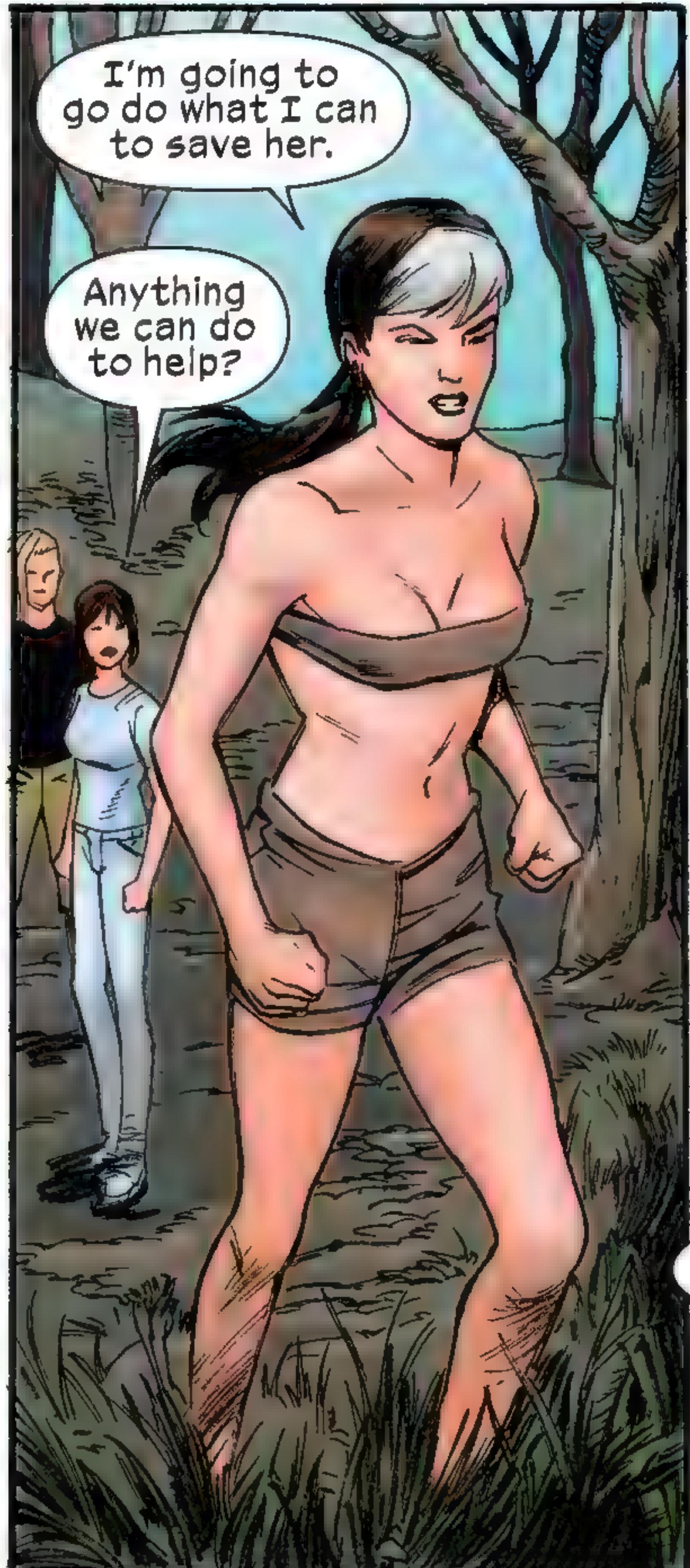
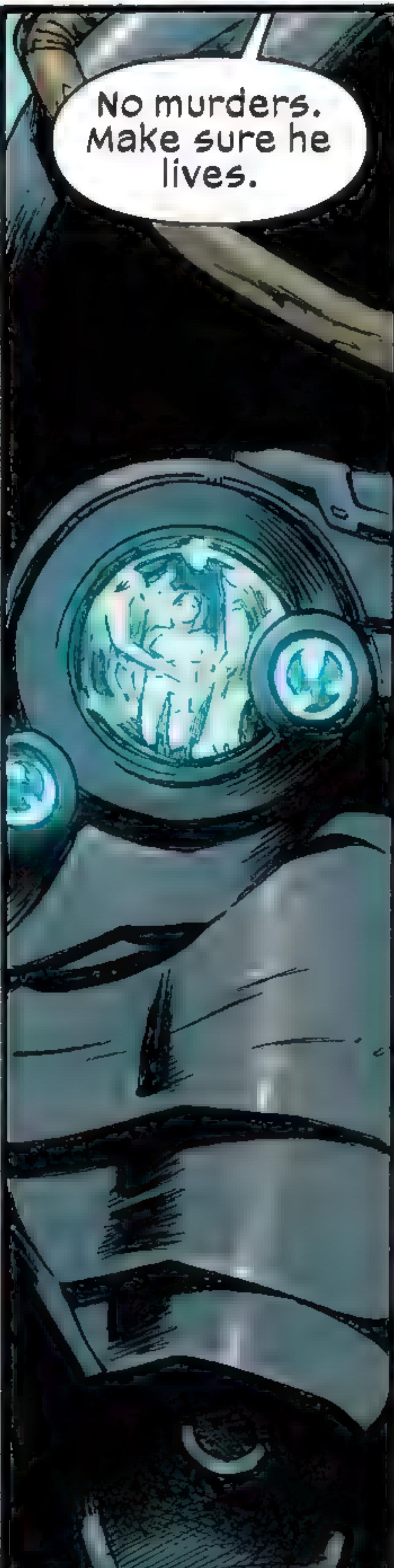
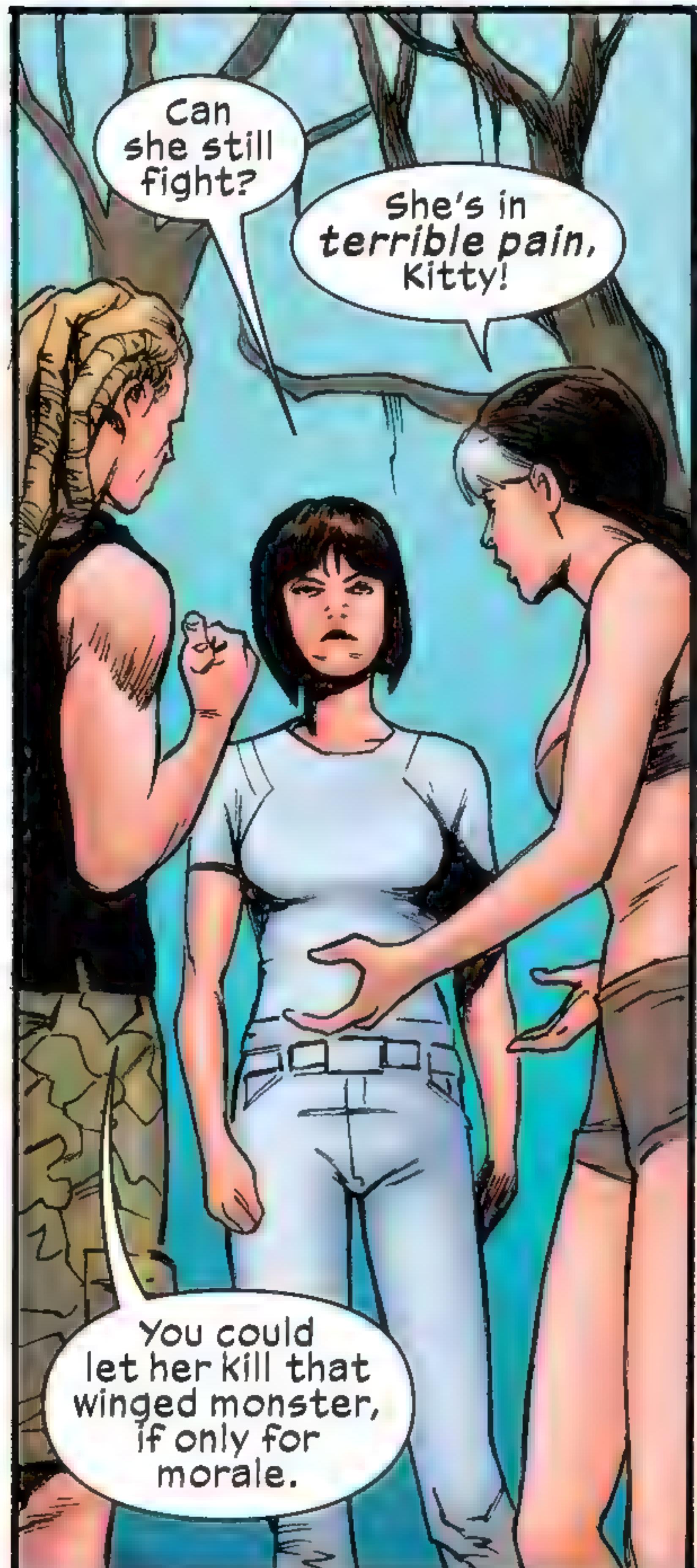
WOOD MARTINEZ
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THE NEXT MORNING.









TIAN. JEAN GREY'S FLOATING MUTANT HOMELAND.

Liz, Derek,
you are my war
council. And we **need**
to move on to
stage two.

You haven't
sold us on the need
for this war, Jean! I
mean, besides your
wounded pride?

Derek, it is
so simple. Mutants
will never have the
respect they deserve
if they remain a
divided people.

If we are
seen to be
split, we're already
halfway to being
conquered.

*Tian is the
mutant homeland.
Not only were we **first**,
but we're also the best
option in every
conceivable way.*

Utopia, full of
their own foolish pride,
would jeopardize all of us
for the sake of a landlocked,
boxed-in patch of desert,
a two-faced "gift" given
to them out of pity
and guilt.

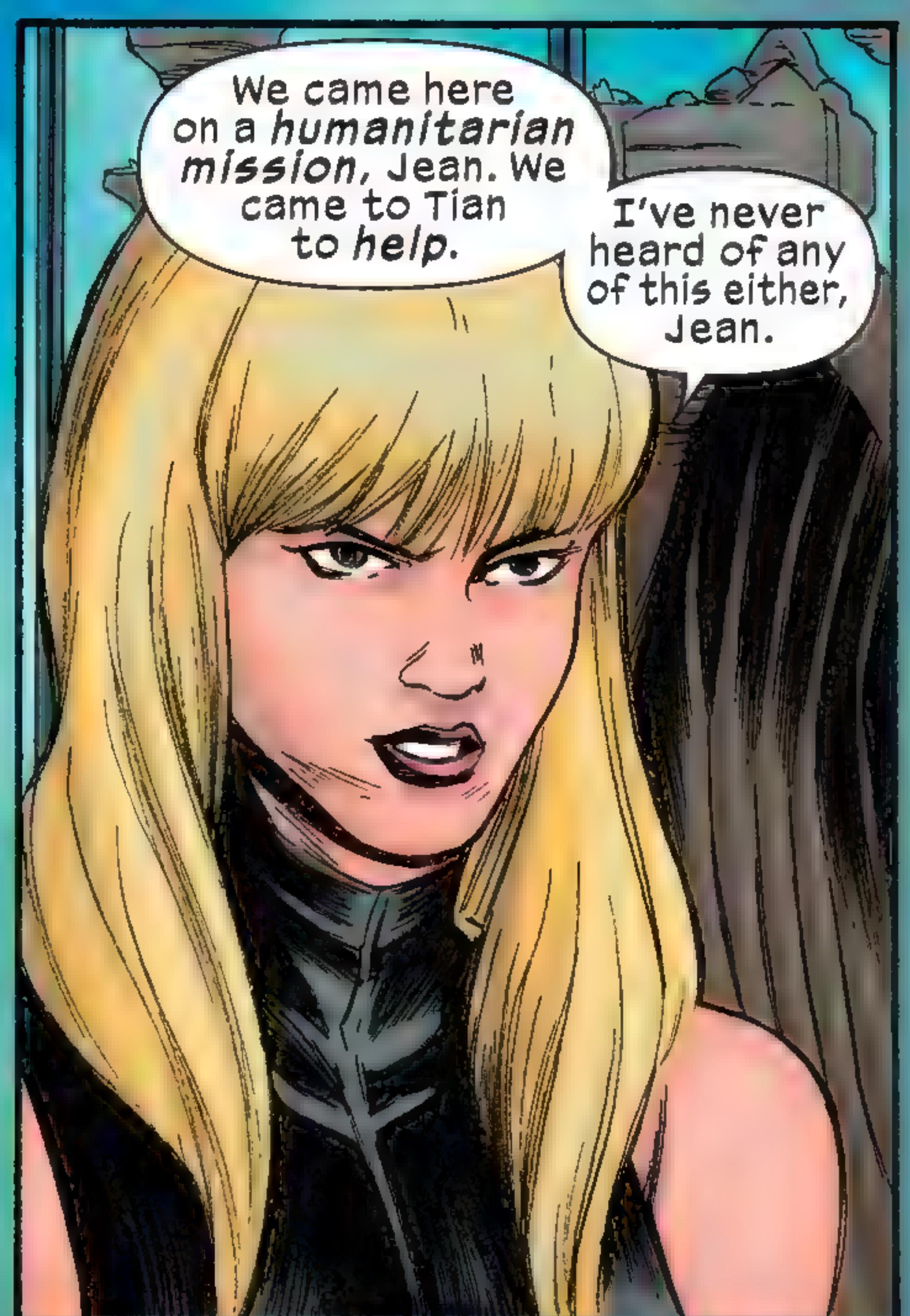
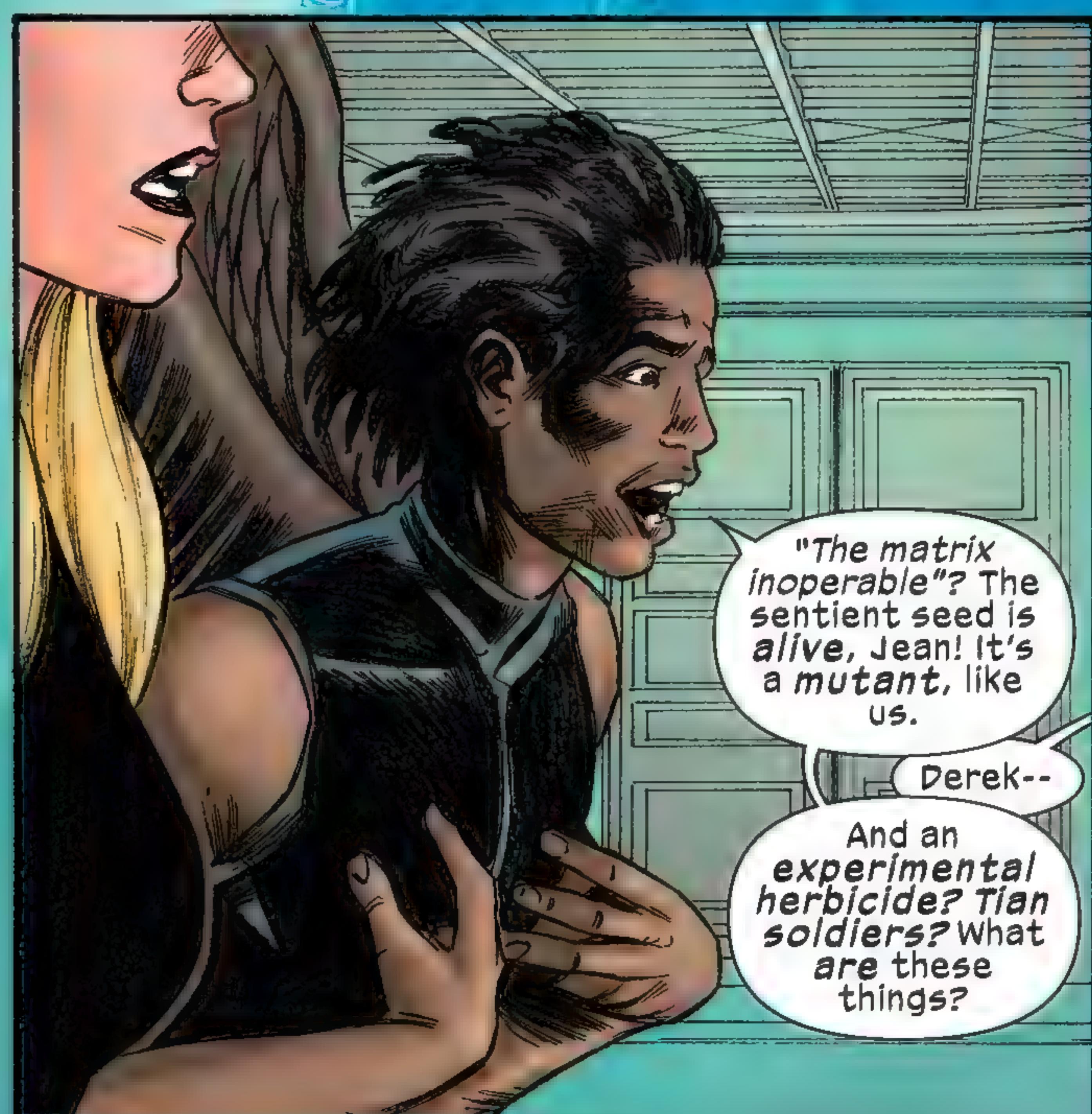
But
you wanted
Utopia...

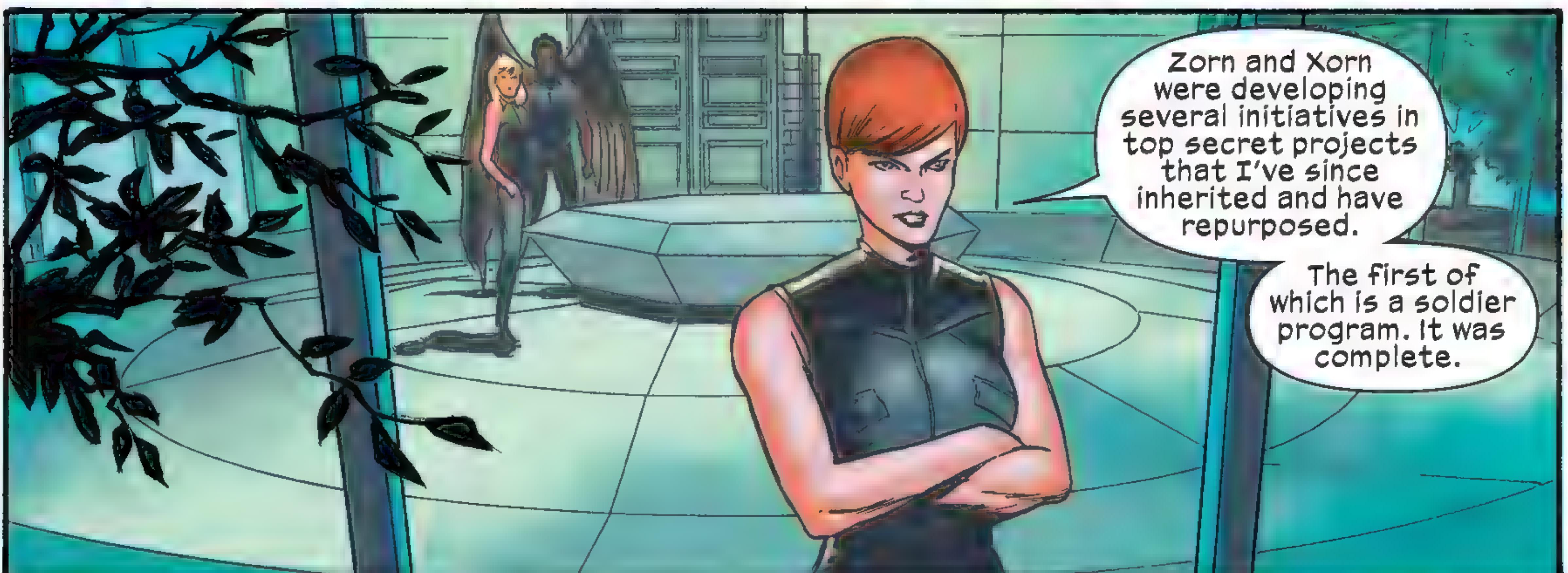
I wanted the
people! I wanted
their support and
strength. I wanted--
I **needed** its help to
ensure our shared
future!

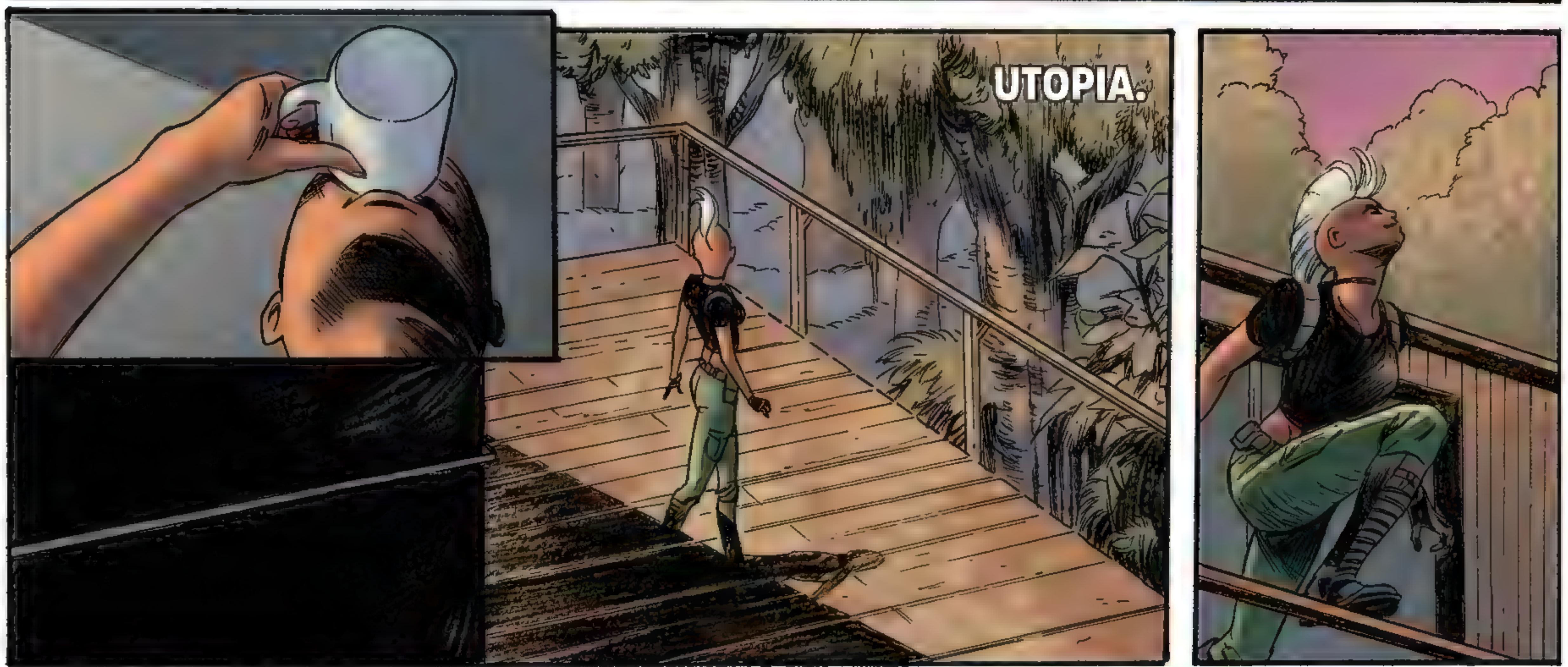
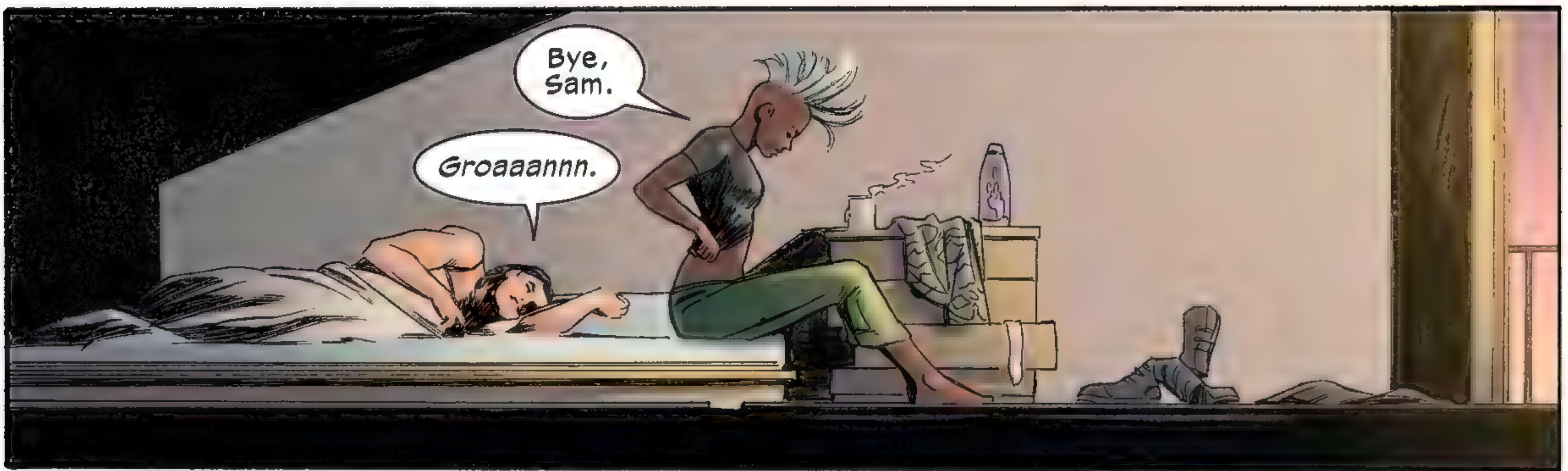
And now, in
the interests of
that shared future
and the existence of
mutantkind, if they
won't choose to
work with us...

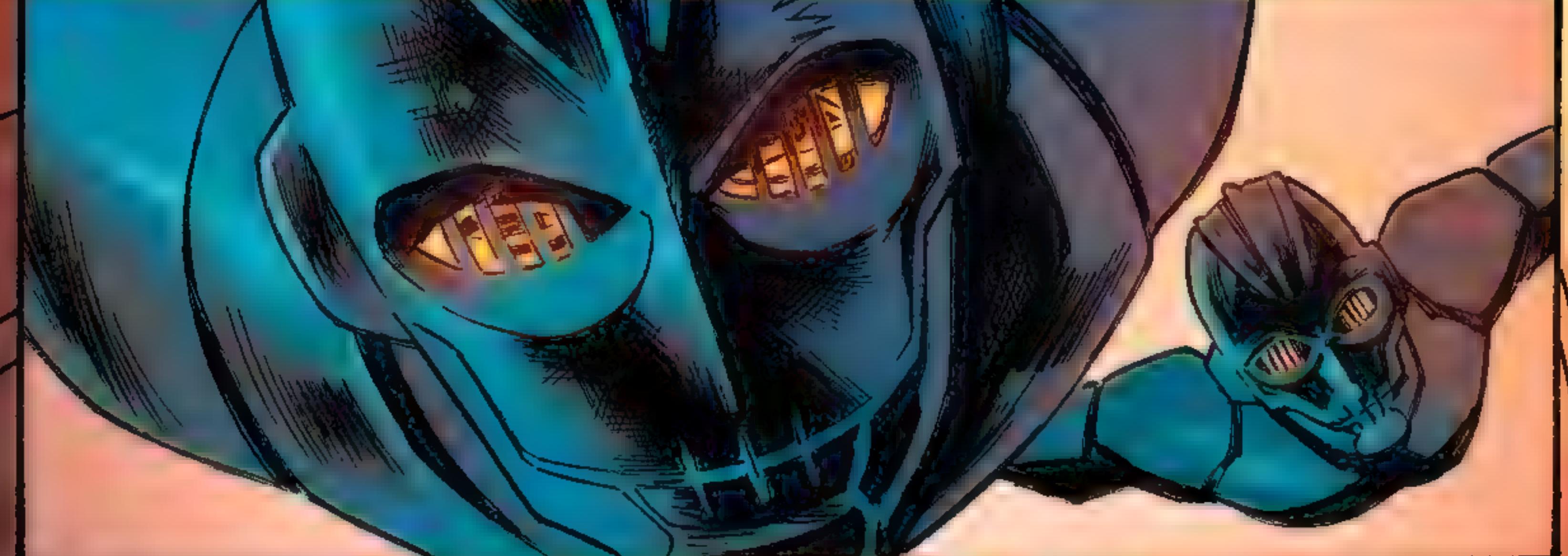
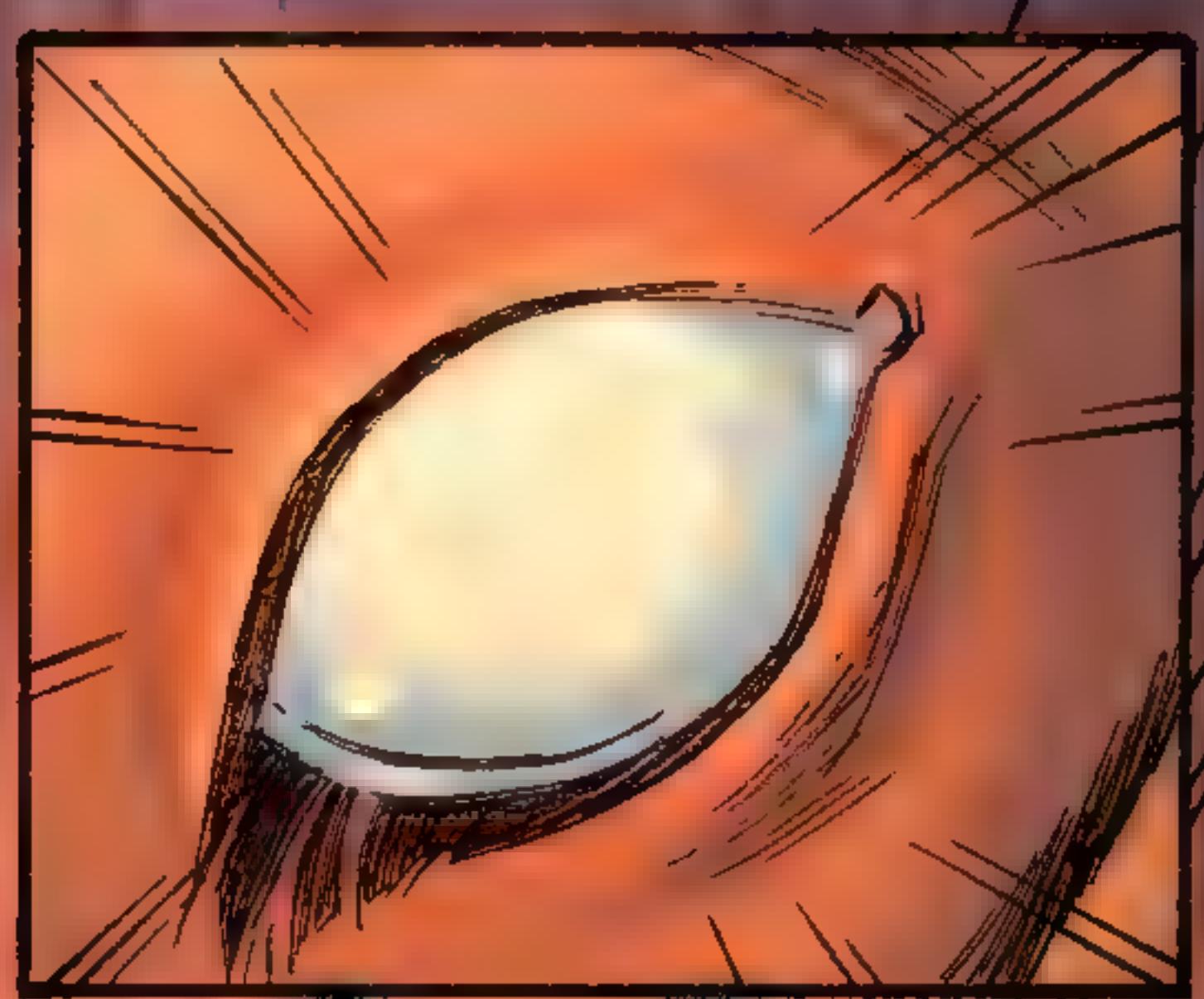
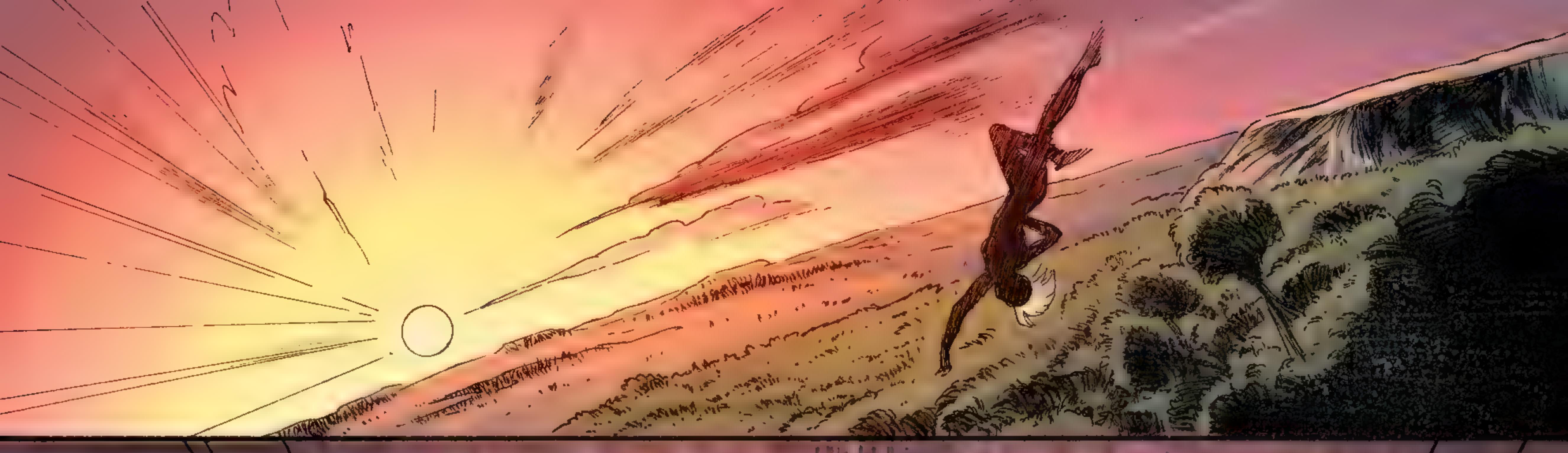
...We have
to **absorb**
them.

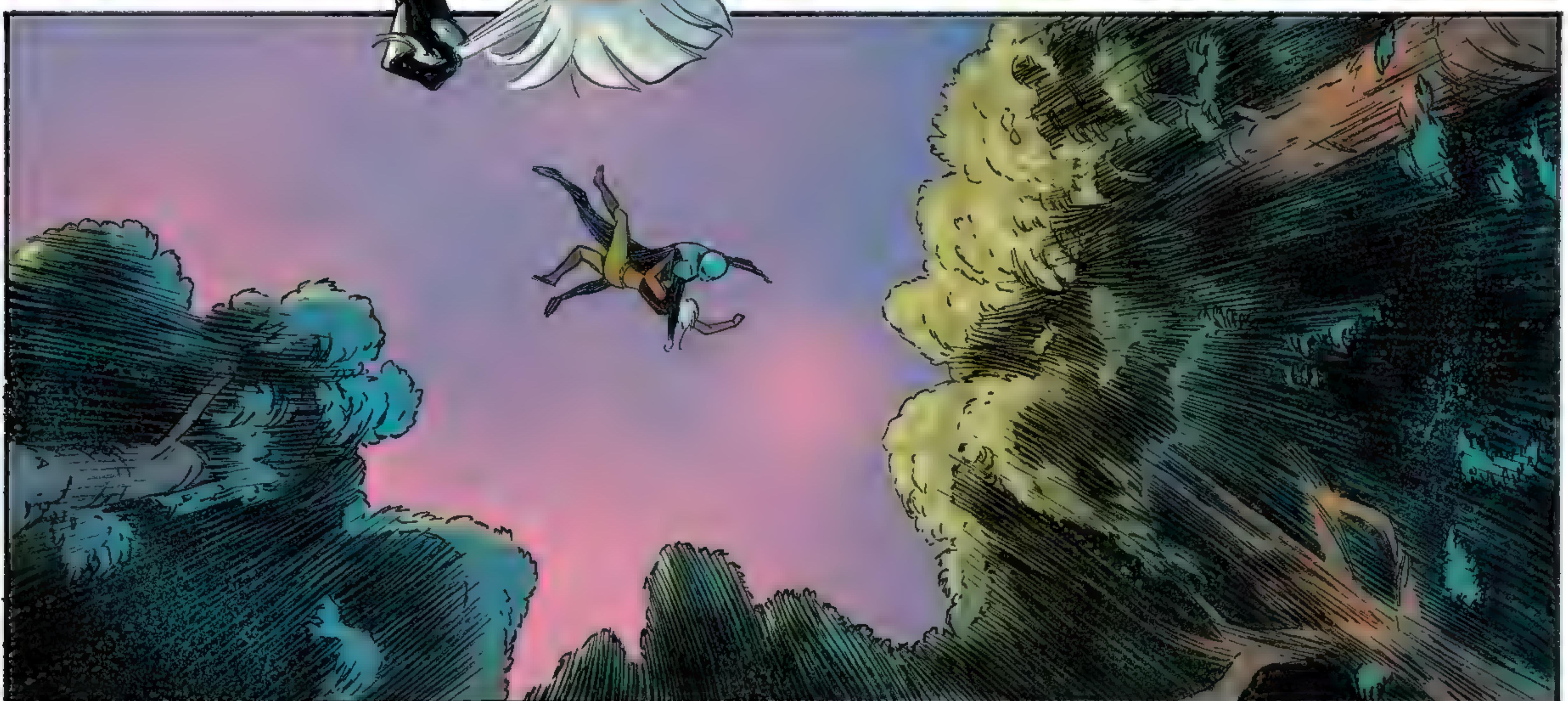
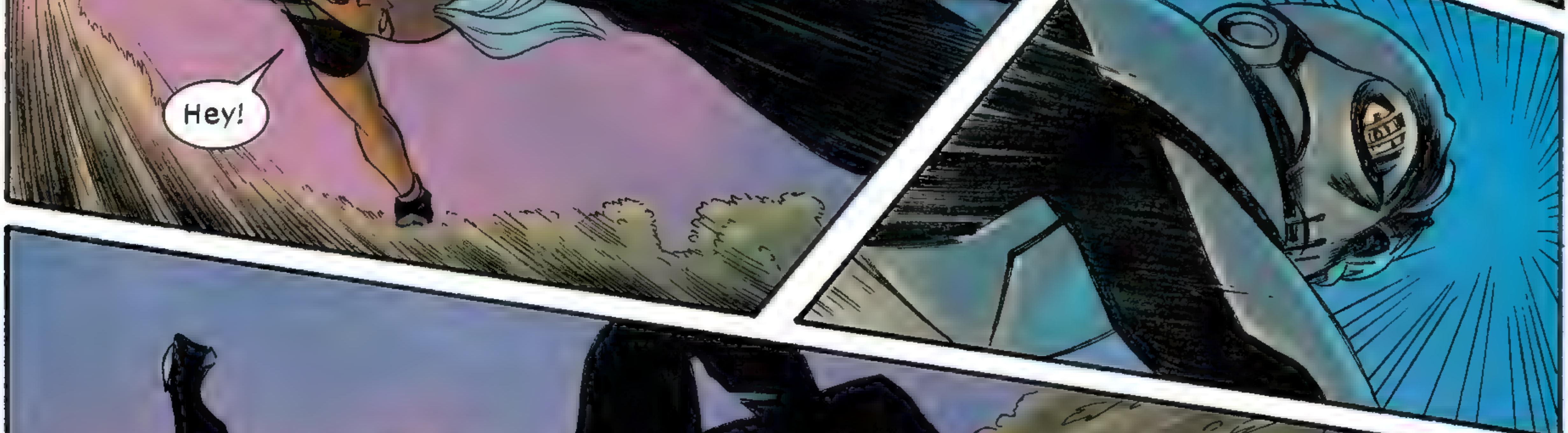
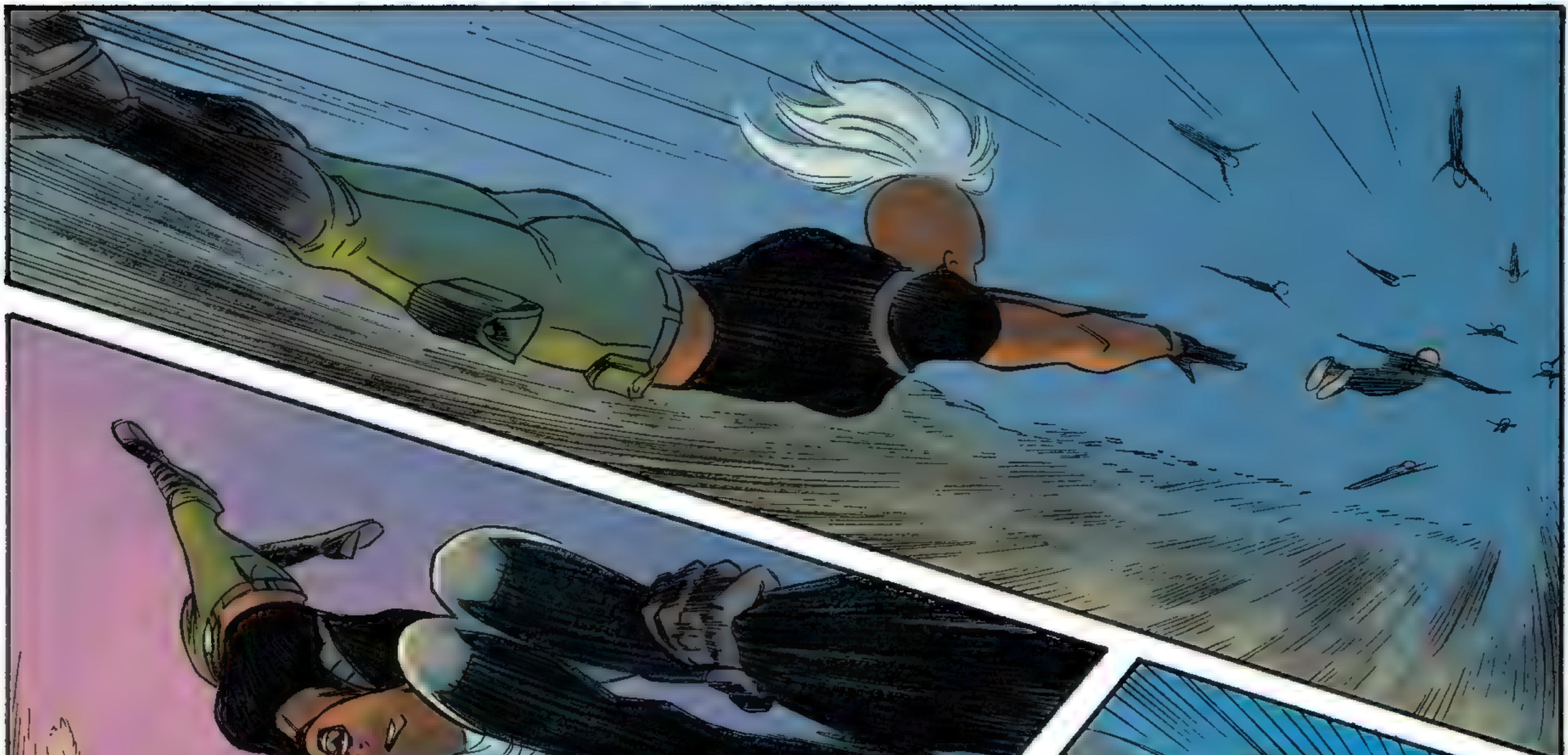
This public
division can't be
allowed to exist. You **see**
how many times mutants
in America have come
under attack!

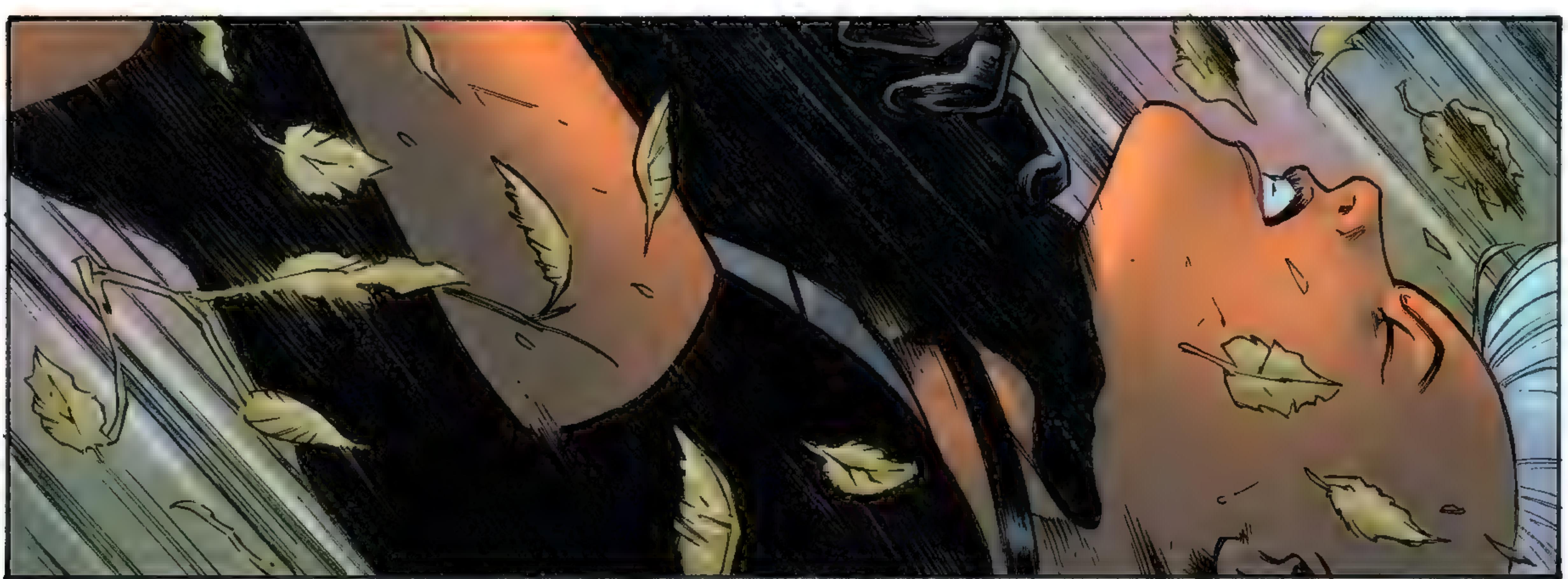
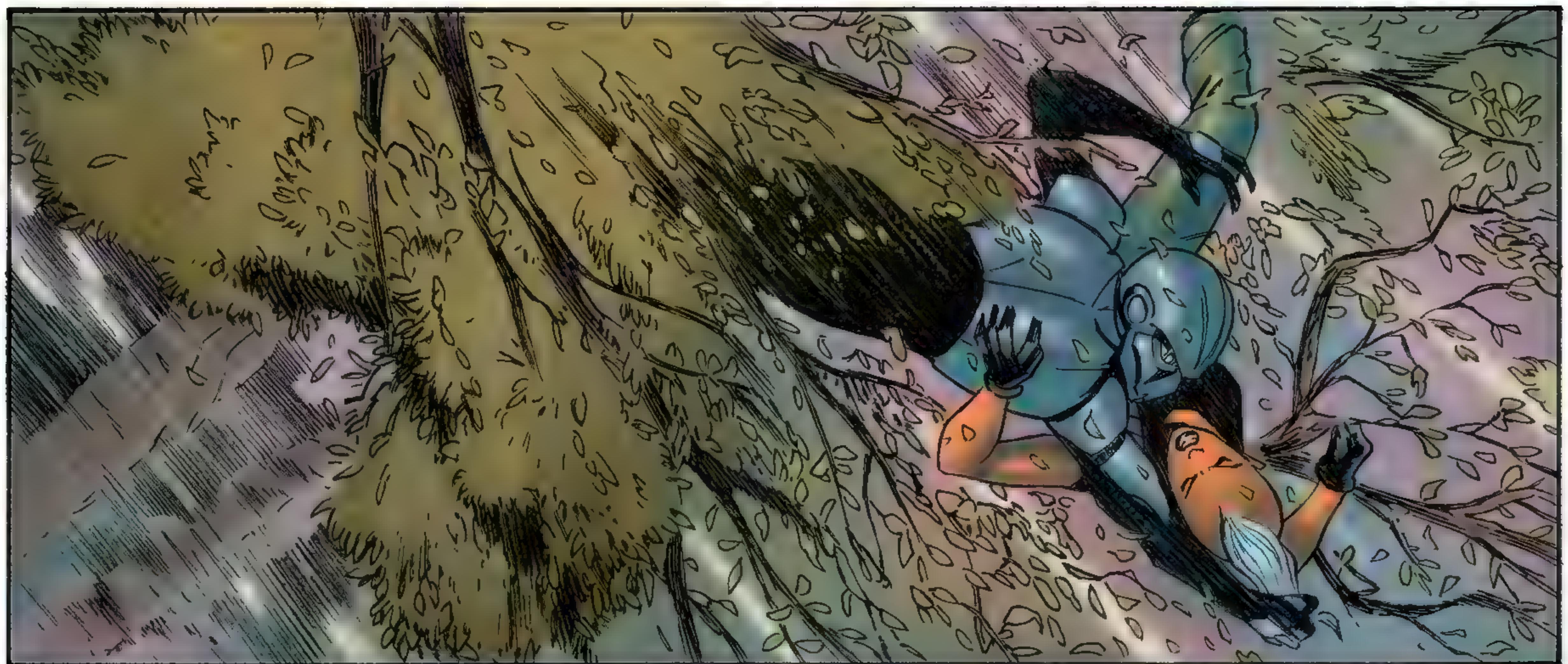


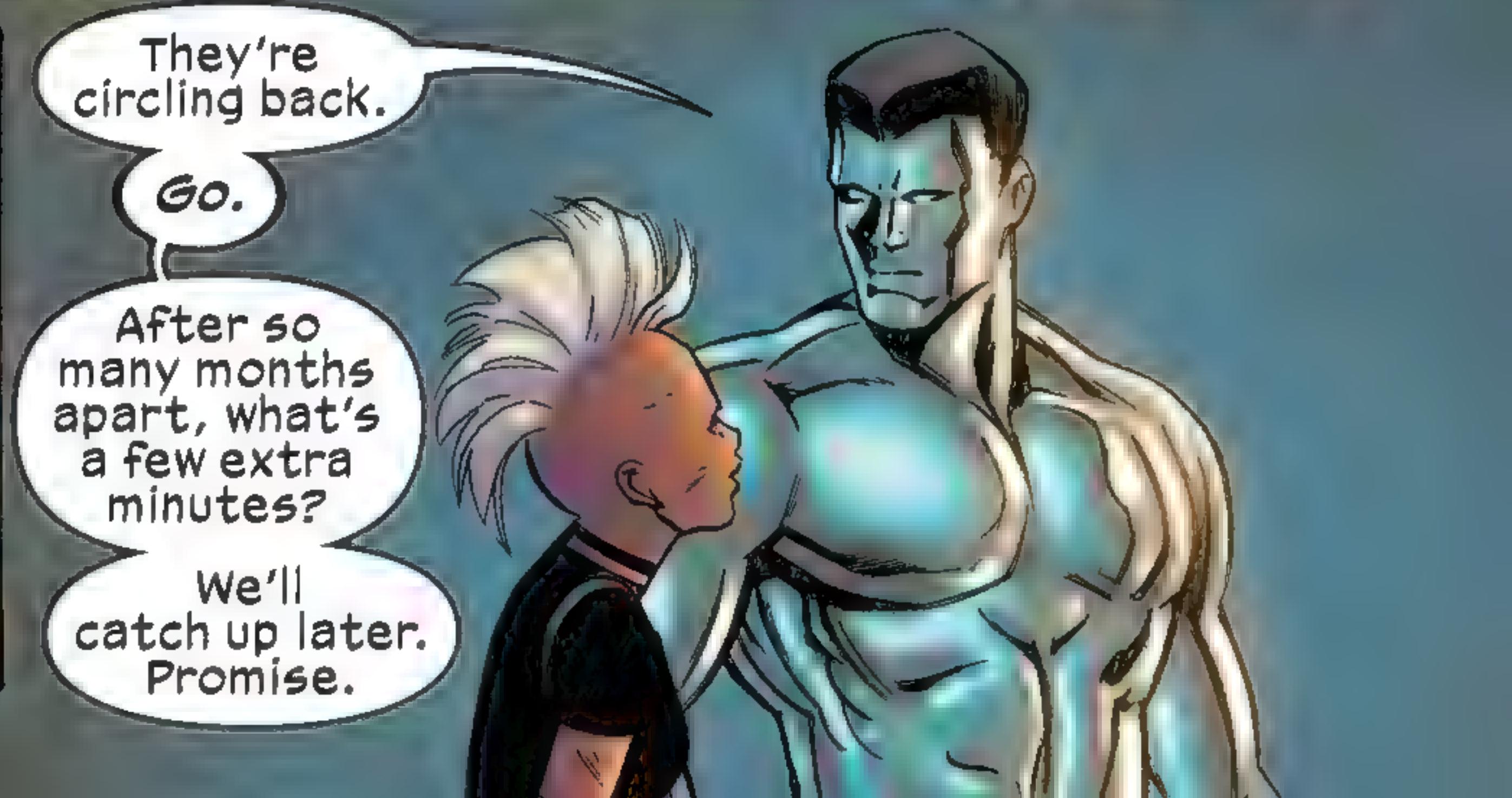
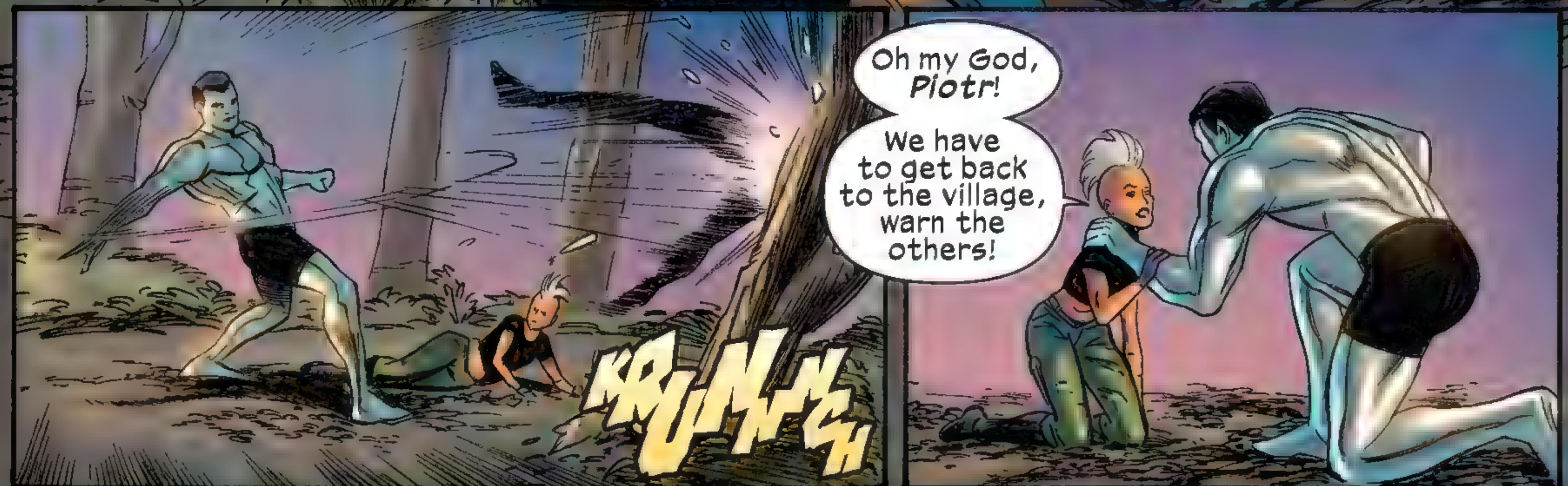


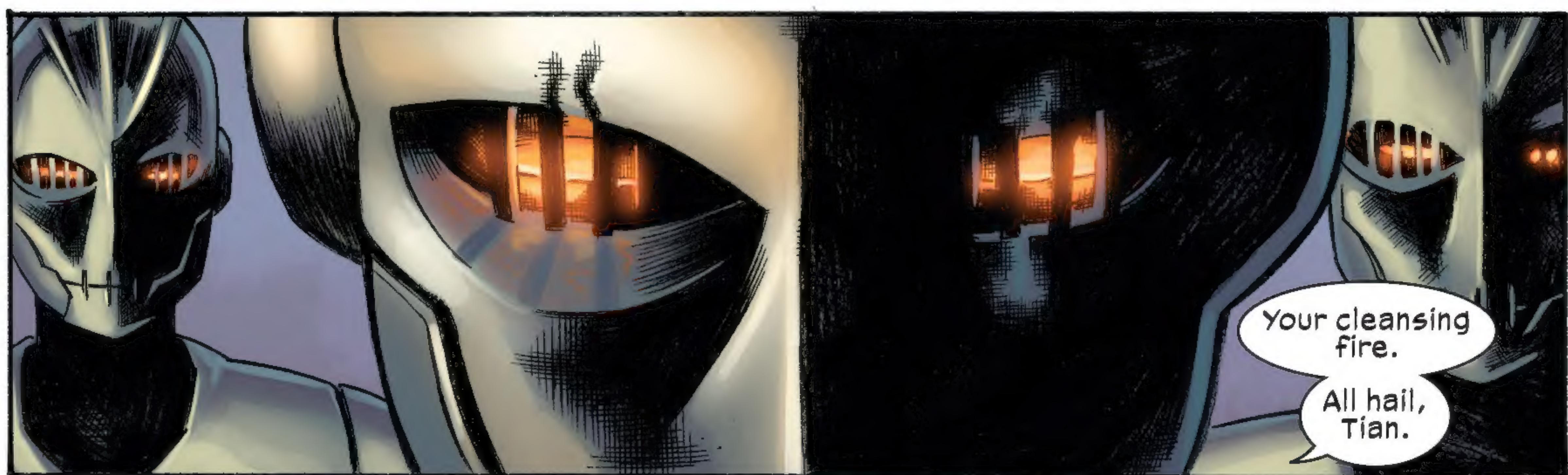
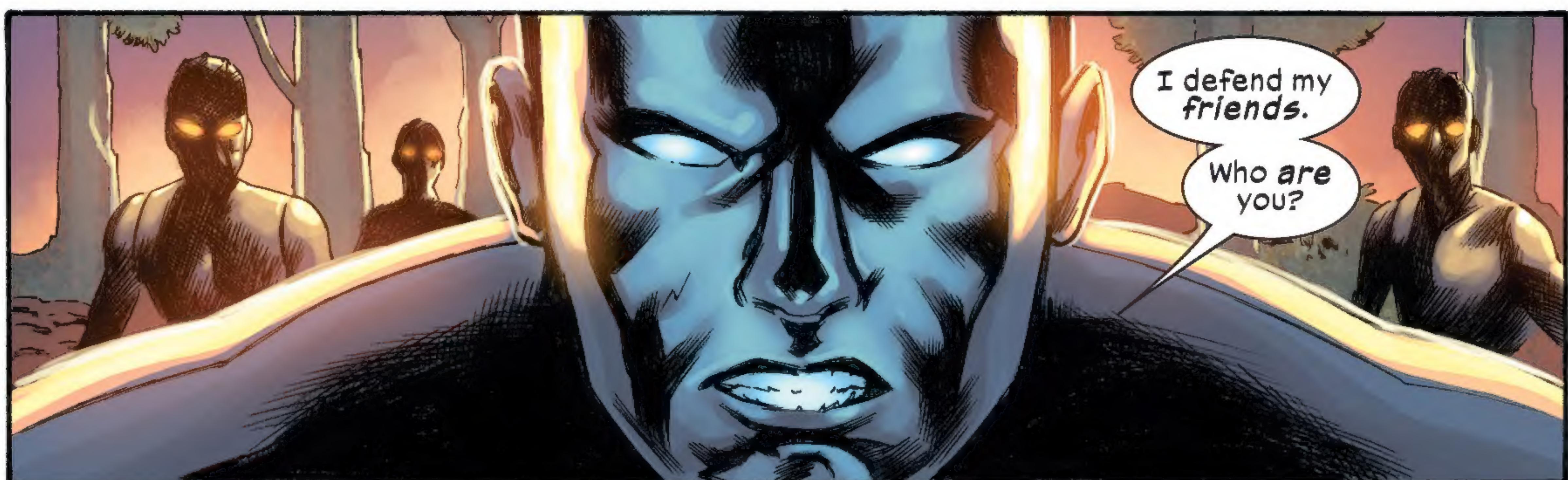
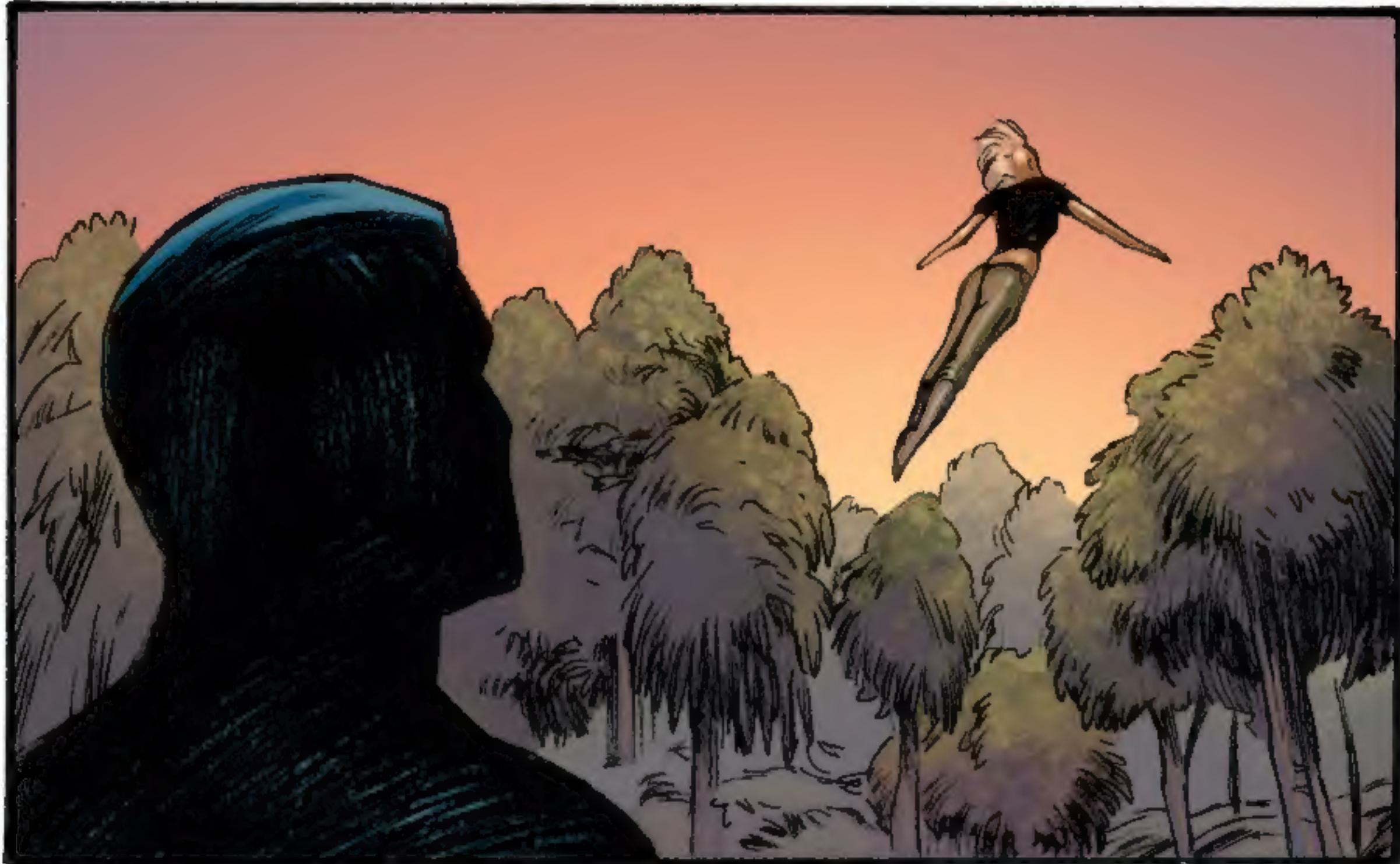






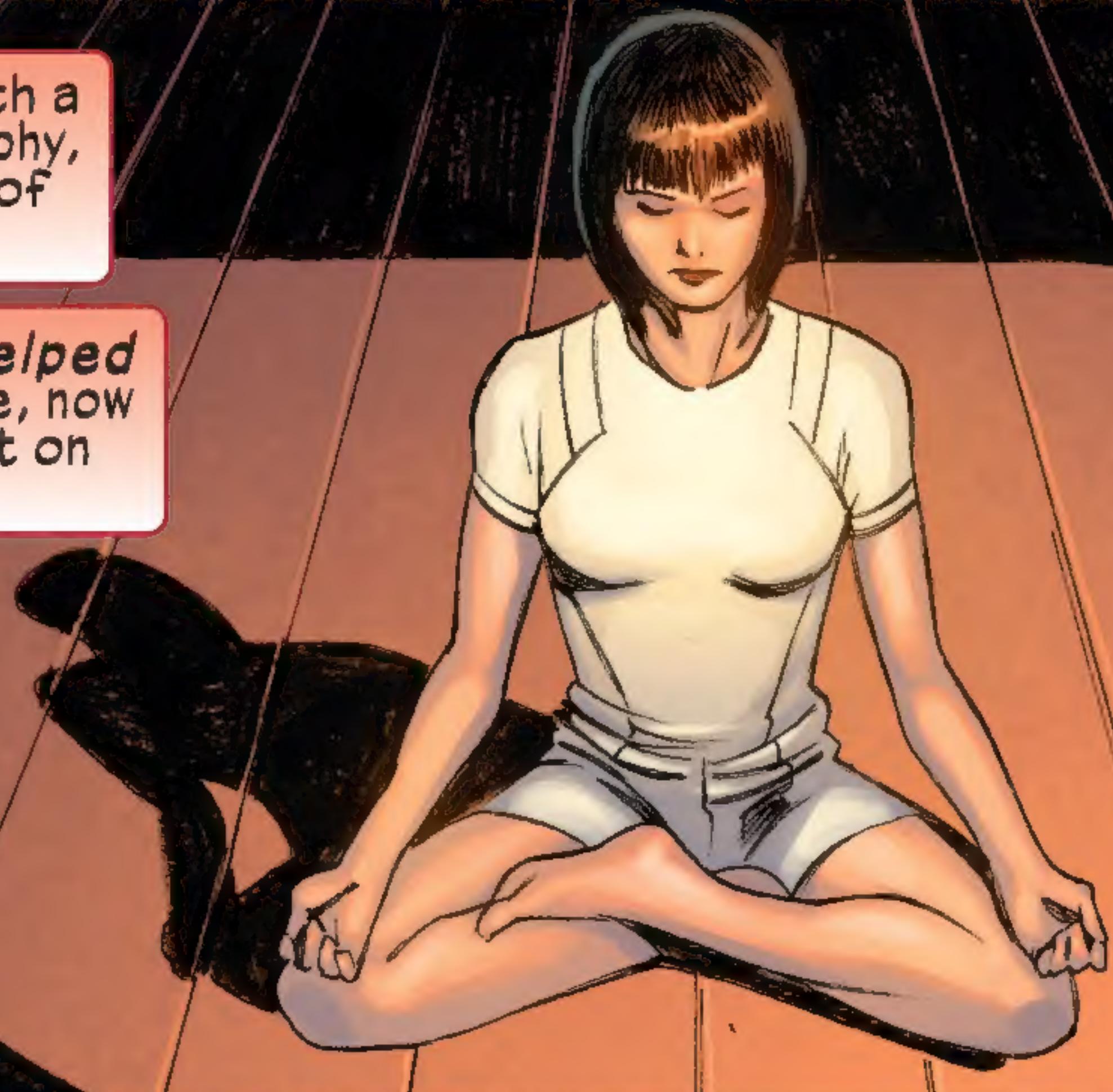






How is it I can have such a perfectly defined philosophy, yet feel so wildly out of control of it?

Jean Grey...She helped us during the siege, now she seems intent on hurting us.



Is this the burden of the pacifist, to be constantly tested?

Or is this land cursed? Am I?



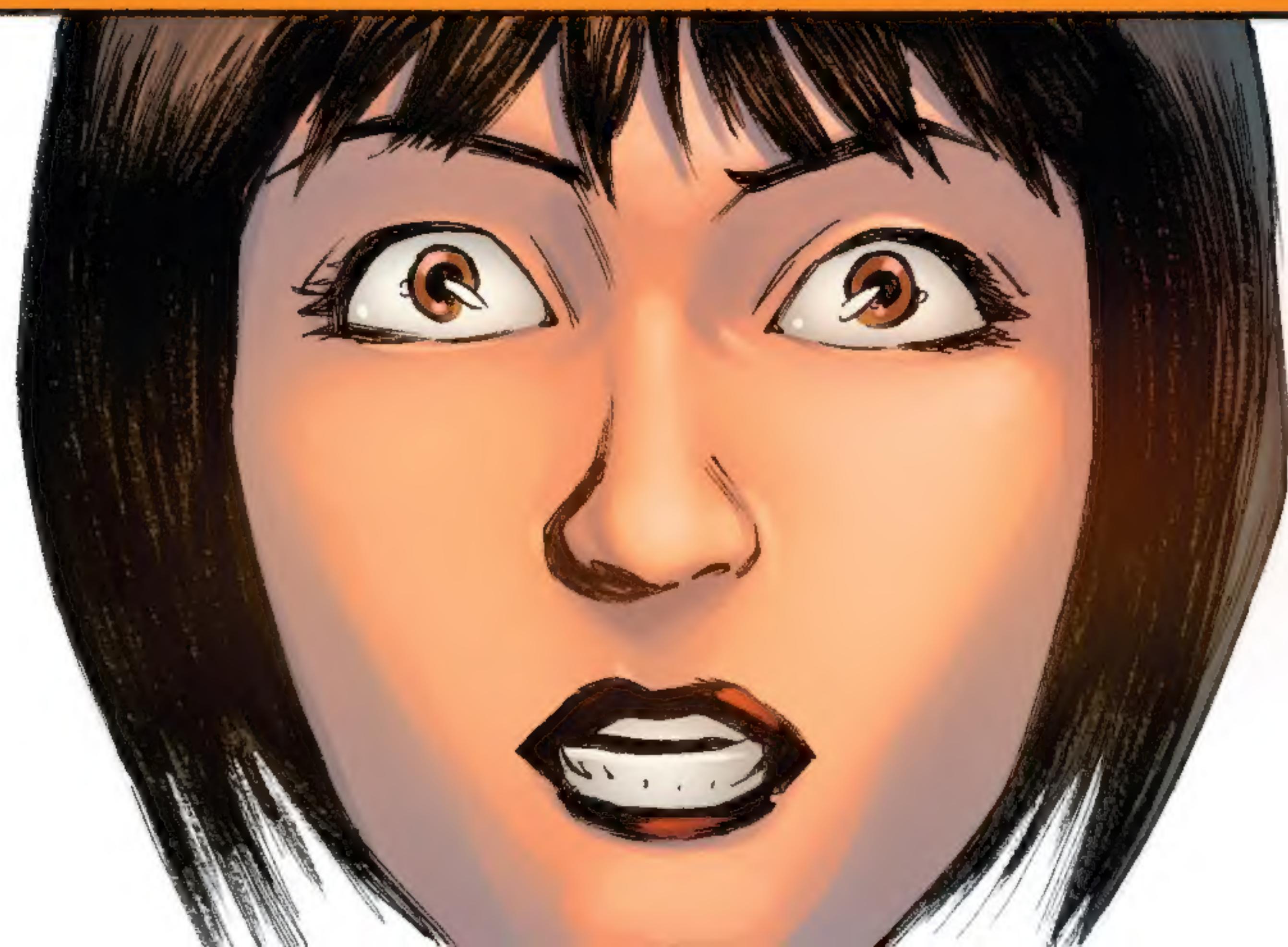
What is my role?

Haven't I carried the burden long enough?

Would our community be less of a lightning rod for conflict, if I weren't a part of it?

James.

Do I need to be more like him and accept the inherent violence in my own mutant traits? And not work so hard to avoid using it?



Attack!

We're under attack!

Where did you go, James?

Where did
you go?

I'm
here.

So I
see.

Welcome to
Tian, James
Hudson.

And to
your place at
my side.

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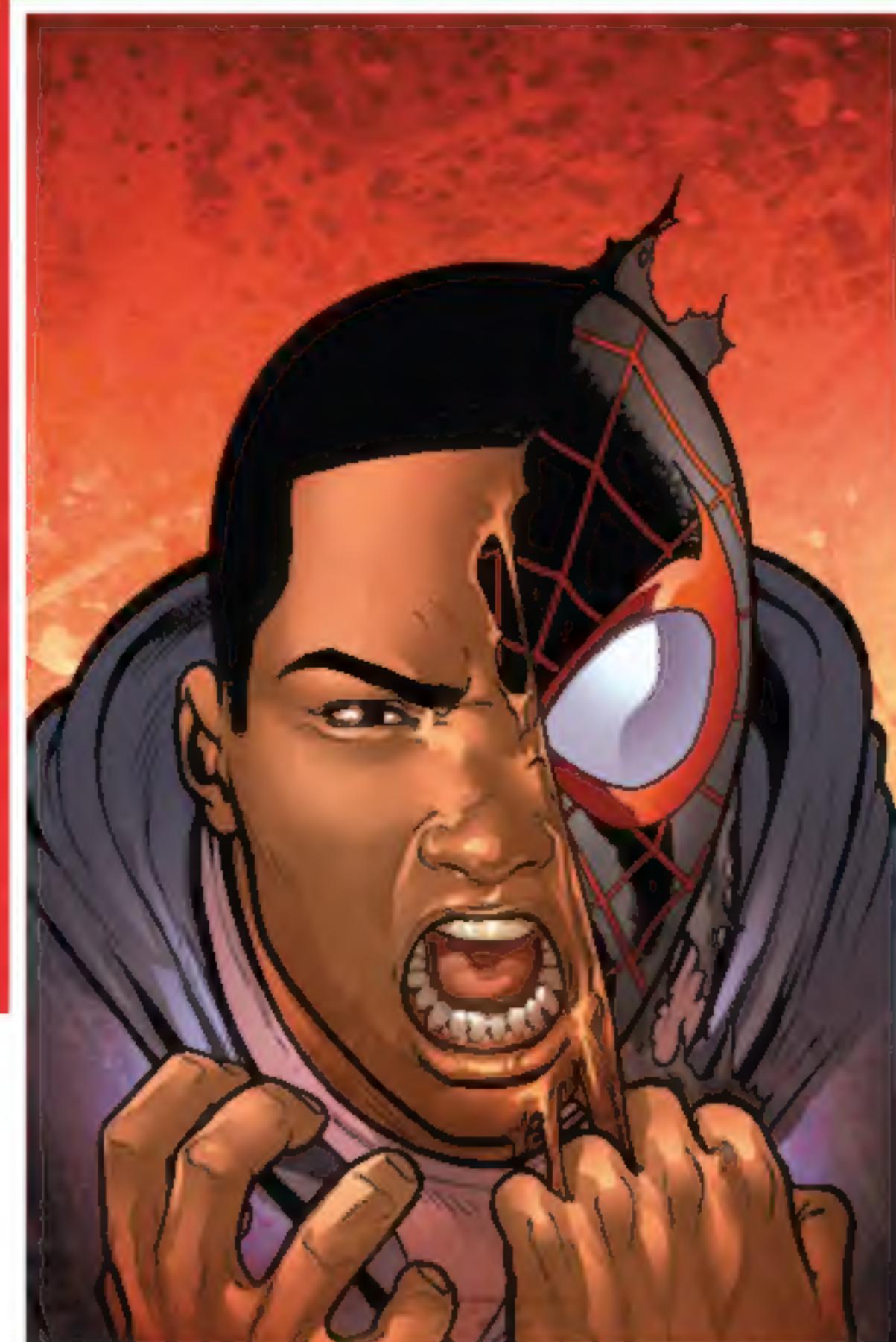
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